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LATEST FOREIGN TELEGRAMS.

EASTERN CRISIS.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY AND TURKEY.

Vienna, Saturday.—The following official communique has been issued here to-day:—"Since the beginning of the Turkish boycott the Austro-Hungarian Government has neglected no means of ending the movement, repeatedly making very serious representations to Constantinople, and supporting with firmness the complaints of the exporters and shipping companies who were sustaining damage. A result of the boycott was that the negotiations with the Porte for reaching an agreement on the subject of the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina were regrettably interrupted. The Austro-Hungarian Government, in its efforts to put an end to the boycott, always insisted on the point that it had the right to demand from the Porte an attitude conforming to the stipulations of the Treaty of Commerce, and to ask that its vessels might be protected in their operations, that the connivance of Customs officials should cease, and that the public should not be prevented from entering the shops of Austrians and Hungarians. Thereupon the Turkish Government recently declared in an official form that instructions in this sense had been given to the Customs authorities, and that the Porte would do all within its legal power to stop the boycott.

Conciliatory Spirit.

The Austro-Hungarian Government took note of this declaration, and pointed out that if the Turkish Government did not carry out the engagements admitted by itself, it would be responsible for all damages resulting therefrom. Seeing that as the result of the Turkish Government's declaration and the Austro-Hungarian Government's reply there remains no divergence of principle on the question of the boycott, the Austro-Hungarian Government, to demonstrate its friendly and conciliatory spirit, has declared its willingness to resume the interrupted negotiations. The Austro-Hungarian Ambassador at Constantinople has received the necessary instructions, and it will be a matter for hearty rejoicing if the negotiations which may shortly be expected lead to a complete agreement, and if the economic relations of the two countries resume their normal course."—Reuter.

THE BRITISH ARMY.

A GERMAN VIEW OF LORD ROBERTS' SPEECH.

Berlin, Saturday.—The Army proposals of Lord Roberts, directed ostensibly at assuring the British Isles against invasion, are interpreted in an astonishing manner by Gen. Baron von Bissing, the well-known military expert, who recently retired from a high command. In a lengthy expression of opinion published to-day, Baron von Bissing says that Lord Roberts cannot really believe that Germany or any other Power will attempt to invade England. There is absolute unanimity among Continental experts, he asserts, that so long as the British Fleet is supreme, such a thing must remain beyond the limits of possibility. Therefore, it seems probable that what Lord Roberts actually desires is the creation of an English army capable of participating in a war on the Continent. He is obliged to offer his plan to the British people under the guise of a scheme for self-defence, since it would otherwise excite no popular enthusiasm. France, continues Baron von Bissing, is, of course, desirous that Great Britain should possess an army capable of aiding her in a conflict with a Continental Power, and it seems certain that this idea is behind the proposition which Lord Roberts recommends to those co-operating with him.—Central News.

RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

THE SINKING OF A BRITISH STEAMER.

St. Petersburg, Saturday.—The Supreme Prize Court sat to-day, under the presidency of the Minister of Marine, to consider the appeal of the Manchester and Salford Shipping Co., the owners of the s.s. Oldhamia, and of the Standard Oil Co., against the rejection of the Libau Prize Court of their suit for compensation for the loss of the Oldhamia, which was sunk by a Russian warship during the Russo-Japanese war. The cargo consisted principally of petroleum belonging to the Standard Oil Co. The compensation demanded is about 1,000,000 roubles (£100,000). The Supreme Court rejected the appeal, only allowing the Standard Oil Co. the right to take legal steps to recover the cost of 200 empty cases.—Reuter.

TURKISH ELECTIONS.

Constantinople, Saturday.—The result of the election of Deputies for Constantinople was known at an early hour this morning. The list supported by the Committee of Union and Progress prevailed. Five Turks, two Armenians, two Greeks, and one Jew were returned. Maviassouch Refik Bey, Minister of Justice, heads the list by 503 votes out of 515 electors. Ulema Mustafa Asaym obtained 475, Ahmed Riza (editor of the "Meshveret") 472, Hussein Jahid (editor of the "Tanin," the Radical organ of the Young Turks) 354, while the Greek Cosmidi was at the bottom of the poll with 340. The Sultan has presented the Minister of War with a sword of honour. The hilt is studded with brilliants.—Reuter.

A DEMENTED NEGRO.

MURDEROUS ATTACK IN A RIVIERA TRAIN.

A sensational scene has just been witnessed in the Nice to Toulon train, according to the "Matin." A negro, whose name is given as Ben Lakdar, suddenly drew a knife and began to slash at his fellow-passengers with it. These included two officers of the battleship Liberte, both of whom he stabbed, as well as other occupants of the compartment. The alarm signal was given, and the train pulled up so suddenly in the tunnel near Cannes station that the couplings broke, and a panic spread among the passengers from one end of the train to the other. The negro, who had lost his reason, was overpowered and taken to La Bocca. His victims were all conveyed to hospital, where their injuries were attended to. Three of them were found to have sustained several stabs, but they will probably recover.

THE NOBEL PRIZES.

PROF. RUTHERFORD ENTERTAINED.

Stockholm, Saturday.—Dr. Leffler, the well-known mathematician, gave a luncheon to-day in honour of Prof. Lippmann, of Paris, and Prof. Rutherford, of Manchester, two of the Nobel prize winners. Covers were laid for 120 guests representing the scientific world. M. Trolle, Minister for Foreign Affairs, welcomed the two guests of honour. Referring to Prof. Rutherford in a cordial speech, the minister said he was a young explorer in the realm of that new and marvellous science, which was neither physics nor chemistry, but a combination of both. In view of this fact, he ventured to hope that they might again welcome Prof. Rutherford there as the winner of another Nobel prize. He drank to the welfare of French and British science.—Reuter.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

Larnarca, Saturday.—H.M. cruiser Aboukir, with the Duke of Connaught on board, arrived to-day at Limassol from Alexandria. The High Commissioner went on board, and afterwards landed with the duke, who proceeded to Polymedia to inspect the camp. The mayor of the town and the Cadi delivered speeches of welcome, and a splendid reception was accorded His Royal Highness. The natives displayed great enthusiasm. The pier and quay were decorated with arches and flags.—Reuter.

U.S. RAILWAY RATES.

New York, Saturday.—The railways of the United States serving the Atlantic and Pacific seaboards have, in compliance with the Federal Statute, given formal notice of their intention to increase their freight rates from Jan. 1 next. The average increase on Westward-bound freights will be 10 per cent., and on Eastward-bound freights 18 per cent.—Central News.

FIGHTING IN PERSIA.

St. Petersburg, Saturday.—A telegram from Tabris states that 700 of Bahirkhan's men, chiefly composed of Armenians, Georgians, and Caucasian Persians, have attacked Ain-ed-Dowleh's advanced posts, consisting of Cossacks. The Revolutionaries were repulsed and fled, leaving 60 killed and wounded behind.—Reuter.

FATHER OF TRIPLETS AT 82.

According to a New York telegram of yesterday's date a report from "The Tribune's" correspondent at Columbus, Georgia, states that the wife of one of the residents of Columbus has just presented her husband with triplets. The proud father is 82 years of age, and already had a family of 22.

ALPINE FATALITY.

Lucerne, Saturday. — A master joiner, M. Autsch, 32, of Lucerne, was coming down from the Pilatus, yesterday, and was on a rocky slope while following the railway line, when the snow gave way under him, and he was hurled down a precipice. His body was recovered last night after a long search.—Reuter.

STORMS IN ITALY.

Rome, Saturday Night. — Terrible storms are reported to-day from all parts of Italy, the coast towns having suffered most severely. Numerous shipping disasters have occurred. Cyclones have raged in several districts, and the loss of three lives and the destruction of five houses are reported from one village. Snow has fallen in parts of Central and Southern Italy, and is still falling in some districts.—Central News.

TENNIS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Johannesburg, Saturday.—The All-England lawn tennis team to-day played a match of four doubles against the Transvaal. The result was a draw.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS.

ATTEMPTED OUTRAGE.

MAGISTRATE AND SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE.

Paris, Saturday. — M. Gourmay, police magistrate for the Third Arrondissement of Paris, this morning received at his residence a package which had been left with the concierge. The magistrate was suspicious of the nature of the package, and immediately blackened. At the municipal laboratory it was found that the package contained two boxes, one of tin and the other of cardboard, filled with black powder, pyroxide powder, and 200 grammes of sharpened nails. There was also a detonator worked by a string, which had to be cut before opening the package. It would then have set fire to the powder and caused an explosion. An inquiry has been opened into the affair.—Reuter.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

HUNDRED PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED.

Colon, Saturday.—Many persons are reported to have been killed by a dynamite explosion at Bas-Obispo. Colon. Later.—A hundred persons were killed or injured by the explosion at Bas-Obispo. Many bodies are buried under débris. It is stated that 40 tons of dynamite exploded.—Reuter.

UNITED STATES ARMY.

Washington, Saturday. — With the object of carrying out the recent recommendation of President Roosevelt, Mr. Hull, chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Military Affairs, has introduced a Bill to provide for a volunteer army in time of emergency. It is declared that under the proposed measure a force of 2,000,000 men could be raised if necessary.—Reuter.

KING EDWARD.

BENEFITS OF BRIGHTON VISIT.

Brilliantly fine weather prevailed at Brighton yesterday morning, with powerful sunshine, and his Majesty went for a motor ride in a westerly direction. Large crowds on the promenades saluted the King, who graciously acknowledged the greetings. His Majesty proceeded along the coast road, and on reaching Worthing he alighted from the car and walked on to the pier, where he took a seat on the sheltered side of the pavilion at the pierhead. The fact that his Majesty was on the pier, enjoying the bright sunshine, soon became known, but the promenaders on the structure respected the desire for privacy, and merely acknowledged his presence among them by the raising of hats. A large crowd also gathered outside the entrance to the pier. After leaving the pier the King motored out to the western extremity of the Parade, and returned to Brighton by the upper road, through North Lancing, and across the picturesque old Shoreham Bridge. His Majesty was looking remarkably well.

Health Improving.

It is authoritatively stated that the date of his Majesty's return to town from Brighton has not yet been definitely fixed. The King contemplates returning to-morrow, in order to preside at the Investiture at Buckingham Palace, but this step entirely depends upon the decision of his medical adviser. There is a marked improvement in his Majesty's health since he has been at Brighton, and the effects of the influenza cold are gradually disappearing. Such progress has been made that his Majesty is able to resume some of the habits, which, in consequence of the illness, had to be suspended. The visit to Lord Burton at Rangemore, which has been arranged for Tuesday, and the few following days, has not been cancelled, and, as a matter of fact, his Majesty will, if his health permits, carry out the original arrangements. The Queen and Princess Victoria will go to Sandringham towards the end of the ensuing week.

His Majesty's Grandson.

It has been stated that Prince Edward of Wales will leave the Royal Naval College, Osborne, at the end of the present term, and will join the cadets at Dartmouth. It is, however, authoritatively stated that Prince Edward will return to Osborne in January, and that he will be accompanied at the beginning of the new term by his brother, Prince Albert.

BISHOP AND THE BOYS.

HIS LORDSHIP ON THE "FIVE SECRETS OF INFLUENCE."

Yesterday, the Bishop of London presided at the prize-giving of the Strood Green and Hornsey High School. He arrived some time before the commencement, and, leaving the room where he had been formally welcomed, managed to get down with considerable difficulty on to a form about a foot high, upon which there was just room for him and two tiny boys—one in Scots plaid and kilt the other in a sailor costume. His Grace was soon "chummy," and asked the sailor what he learned last. "Jack" said his last lesson was in geography.

EDUCATION QUESTION'S ONLY SOLUTION.

"Where is England?" asked his Grace. The child replied, apparently thinking it unfair to put such an advanced question to one of his years, "Oh, we haven't got up to that yet." The Bishop's laugh was hearty and prolonged. —Addressing the scholars he gave them five "secrets of influence" in the world he had learnt by the study of men in the East-End, the House of Lords, the Universities, the City, and in Canada and the United States: Be absolutely straightforward; have no "side," "airs," or "putting on frills"; have a sense of humour; have genuine sympathy; and cultivate their Christian faith. Speaking to their parents, he declared he believed there was no solution of the education question without denominational schools forming a part of the settled system.

Prince and Princess Alexander of Teck arrived at King's Cross yesterday from Worksop. They have been on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Portland at Welbeck Abbey.

ARMED VISITOR.

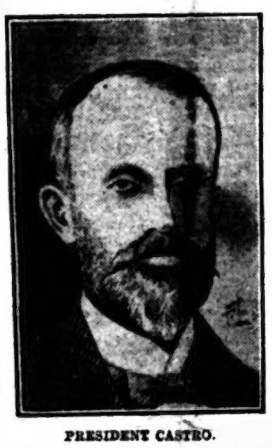
SHOTS IN MISS MARIE CORELLI'S GARDEN.

A sensational affair, which up to the present remains something of a mystery, occurred at Stratford-on-Avon. Passers-by were alarmed to hear the sound of revolver shots in the neighbourhood of Miss Marie Corelli's residence, "Mason-croft." The police immediately proceeded to make an investigation of the premises, whence the sound seemed to proceed, and discovered a man standing at the top of a flight of steps leading to a summer-house in the garden. He was grasping in his hand a revolver, which was itself concealed in his overcoat pocket. Only one of the chambers remained undischarged. In reply to the interrogations of the police the stranger would only say he wanted to see Miss Corelli. He gave the name of Jarvis and an address in Birmingham, but as no explanation of the affair was forthcoming the police placed him under arrest. All he would say was that he was a reader of Miss Corelli's novels. He was brought before the magistrates yesterday afternoon and remanded.

VENEZUELA'S BAD BOY.

PRESIDENT CASTRO LANDS IN FRANCE.

President Castro, the well-known Venezuelan dictator, has been accorded a courteous though by no means warm reception in France. He is not a persona grata there, for



PRESIDENT CASTRO.

France and Venezuela have not been upon speaking terms for some years past, diplomatic relations having been long since broken off. He was allowed to enter France only upon condition that he observed strict privacy. The troublesome man is suffering from an internal complaint, and is on his way to Germany to undergo an operation. Prof. Israel, the eminent Berlin surgeon, is daily expecting Castro's arrival in the German capital. Meantime it is announced that the prospective patient, who is accompanied by his wife, sister, brother, three doctors, and four attendants, eats as though nothing ailed him. Two Syrians who were suspected of harbouring designs on Castro's life have arrived at Marseilles. They were conducted to an emigrants' shelter. The police do not believe that the Syrians have any criminal intentions. It is stated in Berlin that the President has ordered three gunboats from a German dockyard for Venezuela. Another statement is to the effect that two Dutch warships, cleared for action, have sailed for the Venezuelan coast from the Dutch West Indian Colony of Curacoa. Pres. Castro will probably leave Paris to-day for Cologne.

MR. HALDANE INTERRUPTED.

Last evening Mr. Haldane, in distributing the prizes to the successful marksmen of the Lancashire Fusiliers at Rochdale Town Hall, declared that a home defence force could be formed without resorting to compulsion. The War Minister, who congratulated the Territorial Force upon its progress, was interrupted by two Suffragists, who were promptly ejected.

A GRUESOME FIND.

PARTLY BURNT BODY IN A TRAIN.

On the arrival of the 10.11 p.m. L. and S.W. train from Waterloo to Richmond, the carriage cleaner, on searching the train, found a suspicious-looking parcel under the seat of a third-class compartment. On closer inspection he found protruding from it the partly charred head of a baby, the body being wrapped in underclothing. Last night an inquest was held by the Mid-Surrey coroner (Dr. M. H. Taylor) at Richmond. — Albt. Ernest Elbon, porter, in the employ of the L. and S.W.R., deposed to searching the train, which arrived in Richmond at 10.58 on Thursday, and finding the parcel described.

What the Guard Saw.

—Harry Peel, guard of the train, said the train went via Vauxhall and Hammersmith to Richmond, arriving about 10.58 p.m. At Vauxhall he noticed a female passenger enter a third-class compartment carrying a brown kit-bag, but there was nothing about her to attract special attention. The bag was large enough to contain the parcels referred to. He did not notice the passenger leave the train, which called at all the stations en route.—Questioned as to the mode of searching trains, witness said it was carried out before starting and upon arrival at the destination.—Det.-insp. Badcock, representing the police, said that the method of search would allow a dark parcel to remain unnoticed.—P.C. Hill identified the body as the one handed to him. The parcel was made up of two sheets, inside of which was the body wrapped in a cotton under-bodice and a red flannelette petticoat. The clothes were wrapped round the head and tied tightly at the neck.

Attempt to Burn the Body.

There were marks on the clothing—"76" in red cotton, and "76 M.C. 7048" in black ink.—Dr. Seeward said the post-mortem examination revealed that the body was that of a male child. The garments in which it was wrapped were stained with blood, but were not tightly tied round the neck—certainly not tight enough for strangulation. The head, parts of the body, and the clothing were charred as though an attempt had been made to burn the body. The right elbow had been burnt to the bone. The body, which weighed 5lb. 3oz., was 19 inches long, and had been evidently badly tended at birth. The heart was healthy, the lungs were fully expanded, and the child had had a separate existence.

Inquest Adjourned.

The burning had taken place after death, and a deliberate attempt had been made to dispose of the body by burning Wrapped in the clothing, which was placed over the head, the body had been laid on its right side in a fire.—At this stage Insp. Badcock asked for a remand, and the inquiry was thereupon adjourned until next Saturday.

LINER'S ADVENTURES.

NEARLY SINKS IN CHANNEL AFTER A COLLISION.

The owners of the large Liverpool steamer Drumlanrig, which was beached off Dover after colliding with the New Zealand steamer Tongariro, yesterday received a telegram from Flushing that the vessel had a narrow escape from foundering during the gale in the Channel, while being towed from Dover to Hamburg for repairs. The Drumlanrig is now brought up at anchor near Flushing with the tug Blazer standing by. The waves which broke aboard carried away the temporary bulwarks which had been built over the huge rent made by the Tongariro, while the hatches were burst open, several of the boats carried away, and several of the holds flooded. At present the Drumlanrig is anchored in shallow water and extra pumps are to be despatched. If the water gains, the steamer will again have to be run ashore.

NEW INDIAN MEDAL.

An Army order issued last night states that the King has been pleased to approve of a new medal being struck to commemorate military operations in or on the frontier of India, to take the place of the medal granted in 1903. The new medal will be known as the "India General Service Medal."

WEST-END TRAGEDY.

FATHER STRANGLES HIS SON.

SAD SCENE IN COURT.

Pathetic scenes were witnessed at Marylebone Court yesterday when Arthur Wm. Bond, gilder, of 236, Shirland-rd., Paddington, was charged with having murdered his favourite son, Edmund, aged 6, by strangling him in his cot the previous Saturday morning. During the remand accused has been an inmate of the prison infirmary and has slightly improved; but he was still obviously very ill. He was conveyed to the court from Brixton Prison in a horse ambulance, attended by two warders, and in view of the bad state of his health his case was taken early. Immediately he entered the dock he broke down and cried piteously. — The first witness called was accused's daughter, Hilda, aged 5, and while she was giving her evidence accused continually burst into tears and buried his face in his hands. She said she and her sister Grace occupied the front bedroom on the ground floor at 236, Shirland-rd., while her little brother Eddie slept in a cot in the middle room, which was also occupied by her mother and father. The back room was used as a kitchen. On the night prior to the tragedy she put her little brother to bed in his cot. Her father was already in bed at the time asleep, he having returned earlier in the evening as he was ill. The next morning she got up about half-past seven and assisted to get breakfast. About an hour later, while she was putting away some books in the front room, she

Heard Her Mother Scream.

Immediately afterwards her mother came into the room carrying the dead body of little Eddie in her arms, and sent her for the police. "I was going into father's bedroom earlier that morning," she added, "but I altered my mind."—Accused merely shook his head when asked if he wished to question his daughter.—Mrs. Maria Noland, wife of a cabman occupying the first floor of the house, stated that she was talking to Mrs. Bond in her kitchen when accused came from his bedroom to the kitchen door, fully dressed with the exception of his tie and overcoat. "Hello, Mr. Bond," said witness, "are you going out?" He said he was. "Where are you going to?" asked Mrs. Bond. He replied that he was going to Carlton Bridge, and when asked why he said, To give myself up." "Oh, Arthur," exclaimed Mrs. Bond, anticipating that something dreadful had happened, "What have you done?" "I have killed the boy," he replied. (Prisoner here sobbed aloud.) Mrs. Bond at once rushed into the bed-room, brought the child out, and sent witness for a doctor.—P.C. Gould said he was called to the house. On seeing the dead child on the bed he asked how it happened. Prisoner came forward and said, "I did it, constable;

I Strangled Him."

He seemed very dazed.—Dr. Beattas deposed that the body of the child was quite warm when he arrived on the scene. With the assistance of the constable he tried artificial respiration, but without avail. The child's face was quite passive, and on the neck under the chin was a bruise, some swelling, and eight slight scratches. "I did it," confessed accused. "He appeared very dazed, depressed, and nervous," said the doctor, "and did not seem to understand the situation. His pulse was running at 120 a minute, and his eyes had a vacant expression." The post mortem showed that the child died from strangulation.—Dr. Robertson corroborated, and said his observation of accused led him to the conclusion that he was partially insane. — Mr. Plowden: In other words he could not be held responsible for what he was doing?—Dr. Robertson: Not at all times.—This being all the evidence, Mr. Plowden asked accused if he wished to say anything in his defence.—Bond dragged himself up from his seat with difficulty, and in a quavering voice replied, "I should like to say I am terribly——" but the last word was lost in a further outburst of tears. —Accused was then committed for trial, and was conveyed back to Brixton Prison in the ambulance.

GENERAL CASHIERED.

The "London Gazette" contained the following:—

Col. (Hon. Maj.-gen) Gardiner F. Guyon, retired pay, is removed from the Army, his Majesty having no further occasion for his services.

Dated Nov. 11, 1908.

At the November Sessions of the Central Criminal Court, Maj.-gen. Guyon, who resided at Richmond, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for molesting girls.

DEATH OF A K.C.

The death took place yesterday of Sir C. H. Warmington, Bart., K.C. Deceased, who was a well-known member of the Bar, to which he was called in 1869, received his baronetcy only this year. He represented West Monmouthshire as a Liberal from 1885 to 1895, when he retired in favour of Sir Wm. Harcourt, who had been defeated at Derby.

"TEN TIMES WORSE."

SUFFRAGISTS' THREAT TO GOVERNMENT.

The Suffragists had a mixed reception in Trafalgar-sq., where they held a meeting yesterday to welcome Mrs. Baines on her release from Leeds Prison. There was a good deal of "booing," especially when the speakers tried to justify the breaking up of meetings addressed by Cabinet Ministers. About a dozen of the women on the plinth appeared in dresses similar to those worn in prison. Some of them held flags aloft—a cold task in the biting wind. "General" Mrs. Drummond was in her usual militant mood. The Suffragists, she said, had made themselves a nuisance, but if the Government did not give women the vote they would be ten times worse in the future. They were out to win, and to the sportsmen present she gave the "tip" that they would be well advised to join the winning side at once. The "tip," however, did not seem to be appreciated, as it was received with jeers, and many of the remarks were anything but complimentary.

"A Holy Terror."

—Mrs. Pethick Lawrence illustrated the fear of Suffragists which the campaign had inspired by a little story, which raised one of the few laughs which were not ironical. At a Liberal meeting where no Suffragists were present, she said, a lady in the gallery rose for the purpose of putting on her cloak, as she felt a draught. She was immediately seized by the stewards, and ejected before she could offer an explanation. It was something, Mrs. Lawrence thought, that the Suffragists should have struck such "a holy terror" into the hearts of Liberals.—Mrs. Baines declared her readiness to go to prison again for the cause.—Earlier in the day Mrs. Baines had a welcome at King's Cross Station, where she arrived from Leeds. She was met by Mrs. Drummond, and outside the station was presented with a bouquet by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence. A large crowd had assembled to witness the arrival, and a procession was formed and left for Trafalgar-sq.

WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED.

NEARLY £2,000,000 INCREASE IN LOANS SANCTIONED.

According to returns issued by the Local Government Board last night, since August, 1908, sanction has been granted to the raising of loans amounting to £2,105,944, for works which would afford employment for those out of work. This is £1,994,257 more than the amount sanctioned during the same period last year. In addition to this £78,608 has been paid to Distress Committees out of the parliamentary grant.

A PROMISSORY NOTE.

THE MEANING OF A JURY'S VERDICT

Legal argument was heard yesterday in the King's Bench Division, before Justice Jelf, as to the interpretation of the verdict of a jury given last Tuesday in the case of Howes v. Bishop.—The action was in respect of a promissory note given by Mr. H. Benson, managing director of Feltham's Bank; Dr. Bishop of Wimbledon, a co-director of Benson; and his wife, Mrs. Edith Bishop, to plaintiff to obviate the enforcement of a judgment for £1,166 13s. 6d., which he had obtained against Benson. Plaintiff sued Mrs. Bishop in respect of her private estate for £912 13s. 4d., the unpaid balance of the note. She put in the plea, in defence, that she had signed the note under duress.—The jury found, in answer to questions left to them, that no duress had been exercised on Mrs. Bishop, but that she had signed under the influence of her husband, though they disagreed as to whether that extended to "undue" influence or not. The question for argument was whether the verdict was in law in favour of plaintiff or of the defendant.—His Lordship, at the conclusion of the arguments, gave judgment in favour of plaintiff for £666 13s. 4d., plaintiff giving credit to defendant for an additional £250, which had been paid. —Stay of execution was granted with a view to appeal.

FORECASTS OF THE WEATHER.

FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING MIDNIGHT (SUNDAY).

London and S.E. England—S. or S.W. winds freshening, dull generally, rain at times; milder.

England, N.E.—Wind mainly S., light; milder; cloudy or dull, some rain.

England, E. & The Midlands—Wind backing to the S. or S.W. and freshening becoming overcast, with some rain; milder.

England, N.W. & S.W.—S. and S.W. or W. winds, fresh or strong, & gales in places, equally occasional rain; rather mild.

West Channel and Bay—S. and S.W. winds, fresh or strong, a gale mouth of Channel; sea rough; some rain.

SUN { Rises 7.59 a.m. Sets 3.49 p.m. } Moon { Rises 9.35 p.m. Sets 11.59 a.m.
Lighting-up time for vehicles, 4.49 p.m.

TIDE TABLE FOR THE WEEK

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Sun	6 5	6 25	2 23	2 43	10 26	10 46	9 16	9 47
M	6 47	7 9	3 4	3 26	11 4	11 24	10	10 32
Tu	7 32	7 56	3 50	4 17	11 47	...	10 55	11 19
W	8 23	8 52	4 47	5 21	0 14	0 44	11 46	...
Th	9 23	9 57	5 58	6 34	1 17	1 53	0 15	0 49
F	10 30	11	7	7 36	2 28	3	1 28	1 3
Sat	11 34	11 59	8	8 31	3 34	4	2 40	3 15

CIGARETTE PAPERS
FOR AFTER-DINNER SMOKING.

"Brrelling."

Mr. Birrell—who certainly has a strong sense of humour even if woefully lacking in political wisdom—told a very good story the other day against himself. Like one of Mr. Jerome's "Three Men in a Boat," who, from reading medical books at the British Museum, had come to believe that he was suffering from a combination of all the diseases therein described, the Irish Secretary once imagined himself to be the victim of a mortal malady, and hastened to Harley-st.—known as the "Valley of the Shadow of Death"—to consult an eminent specialist, whose waiting-room he found to be crowded with anxious patients. The day was a July one, and Mr. Birrell had felt the heat. In order to while away the time till his turn came he turned up the great specialist's treatise lying in the ante-room, and read of his own mortal ailment: "The patient who is suffering from this disease never perspires." Thereupon he picked up his hat and gloves and walked out. He added that this was "due to the Scotch blood" that was in him; but the question arises whether Mr. Birrell, before beating this precipitate retreat, left a guinea on the table, seeing that he had clearly profited by "picking the brains" of this specialist as embodied in his book. If not, he much resembled another man of the Scottish race who is said to have behaved with stiff less gratitude.

Payment by Result.

This was a Caledonian who had somehow become very much run down—as even iron-constitutioned Caledonians will sometimes do—and much against his grain he went to consult a doctor. The latter questioned his visitor at great length as to his mode of life, and at last began to look very grave. "Your symptoms, I am sorry to say," he said, "are very serious; but I think I may be able to pull you round if you will only follow my advice." "And what micht that be?" asked Sandy. "Well, for the next three months you must not touch red meat or whisky, and only have one pipe of tobacco a day." Sandy sat for a moment—silent, serious, non-plussed—and then suddenly rose and began to march towards the door. "Wait a moment, my friend," says the doctor, "you've forgotten something." "And what micht that be?" replies Sandy, looking round the floor to see whether he might not have dropped his mittens or even his purse. "My fee," says the doctor. "Yer fee, is it? And what for?" "For the advice I've given you." "I'll no be for takin yer daumned advice," says the Scot, as with a sullen scowl he claps his bonnet on his head and clumps out of the room. So that, you see, here was a good illustration of the principle of payment by results, which might well, perhaps, find more extensive application to the medical profession than it now does.

What a Fiasco!

From bottles of whisky and bottles of medicine the transition is easy and tempting enough to bottles of wine, because someone lately wrote to the papers to inquire whether a large meeting of patriotic alarmists held at the Cannon-st. Hotel for the purpose of calling attention to the staggering state of our Navy had not proved a fiasco. But what then is the connection between a fiasco and a bottle of wine? We should get nearer it if we were to say a "flask" instead of a "bottle." "Fiasco" is the Italian for bottle, and even now when we order a bottle of Chianti—those of us who can afford to do so in these distressful times—call for a "flask" of it. The heroes of G. F. R. James, those below as well as those above the middle height, were always calling for a "flask" of Burgundy or a flask of Rhenish. Good; but how, then, has "fiasco"—a wine-bottle—come to be synonymous with failure and fizzling out? The answer is that in the country theatres of Italy, where the spectators took refreshments of bread and wine with them, just as we ourselves munch our apples and suck our chocolates and oranges in certain parts of the house, they used to shoot their empty flasks at the heads of those players who had impressed them with a painful sense of failure—of a "fiasco." This is, perhaps, the most ancient, as it is also the most direct and cogent of all kinds of theatrical criticism, and reminds one of the Spartan principle that any proposer of a new law should come forward to table it, so to speak, with a halter round his neck.

The King's Tuesdays.

Like the medical principle of payment by result, above alluded to, the existence of such a Spartan clause in our own Constitution, which has saved our present Government from the tightening of the noose round its own neck, which now seems to be in rapid process of that accomplishment. And someone has pointed out that Fridays have been peculiarly unlucky and fatal—as Fridays are apt to be—to the Government, as the Education Bill expired on one, and the Licensing Bill on another. But if Friday is the Government's day, Tuesday is the King's. For it was on a Tuesday that he was born, baptised, and married. On Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1863, he was appointed a member of the Privy Council; on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1871, it was definitely ascertained that he had contracted typhoid fever; on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1872, he attended the thanksgiving for his recovery at St. Paul's; on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 1901, he succeeded to the throne; and on Tuesday, June 26, the same year, his Majesty underwent an operation for perityphlitis. Yes, that is the word for it, and not appendicitis—but perhaps the meaning is the same, as one word is of Greek and the other of Latin origin.

The Wrong Leg.

But now, if you please, let us pass from Edward VII. to Henry V. as to be being represented at the Lyric by Mr. Lewis Waller, though the transition is somewhat of a jump. Personally I haven't seen the piece, but I was struck by a photograph in a morning paper showing the stage King making love to Katherine in a very absurd manner, with the crown upon his head and other royal blazonry on his coat, the exact cut almost of one of our army officer's dress tunics, setting off to advantage a fine pair of legs. But if the garter which Mr. Waller in the photograph is wearing be intended for the badge of our "most noble Order," then it must be said that it is on the wrong leg, just as some people, like the artificer in Shakspere, have a hasty habit of "thrusting their slippers on contrary feet." It is expressly laid down in the statue of the Order that the "Garter is to be worn on the left leg below the knee," but if Mr. Waller has put it on the right one he errs in company as distant as it is distinguished. Nothing can be more distant from our shores than Japan, to which Prince Arthur of Connaught was despatched by his uncle the King about three years ago on a special mission to invest our ally the Mikado with "the most noble Order of the Garter." The investiture ceremony was made the subject of special drawings in one of our own illustrated papers as well as in the corresponding thing at Tokio. I saw both, and the two pictures were in glaring conflict. In our English drawing the Mikado—"mighty man"—was represented sitting on his throne, which was right; while in the Japanese one he was standing in front of it, which was wrong. But, above all things, the Japanese artist made Prince Arthur buckle the garter on the Mikado's right leg above the knee, whereas its true position is below the knee on the left leg.

"Shame to Him Who—!"

But why, then, should the garter be buckled on the left leg? To answer this, let me relate the story of its origin, which is as pretty as it is true, and will bear retelling, the more so as I feel sure that it will strike many of my readers with all the force of novelty. The legend, then, is that Edward III. once gave a grand court ball, and that his own partner was the beautiful Countess of Salisbury, who accidentally slipped her garter of blue velvet. Just fancy the titter that would go round even a modern ballroom if one of our beauties were to have a similar mishap! The King gallantly came to the rescue of his blushing partner, from whom he directed the attention of his guests by binding the blue band round his own knee, saying, "Honi soit qu mal pense!"—i.e., "Shame to him who evil thinks!" "Honi," a Norman-French word now obsolete, was from the same root as the modern French "honte," and "shame" for "honi" is a better rendering than "evil." The King added, "I will bring it about that the proudest noble in the land shall think it an honour to wear this band." Hence "The Most Noble Order of the Garter."

A Note of Alarm.

The Garter dates from 1348, while the Black Eagle, the corresponding honour in the gift of King Edward's nephew, the Kaiser, only goes back to 1701, the year in which Prussia became a kingdom. In the case of foreigners the Garter is only given to sovereigns and members of sovereign houses, while the Black Eagle has been conferred on two—but only two—Englishmen of non-princely rank, viz., Lord Roberts and Sir Frank Lascelles, our late ambassador at Berlin. The Kaiser's subjects rather resented the giving of the Black Eagle to "Bobs" on the occasion of the Queen's funeral, and they were still more astonished lately when our British Knight of the Black Eagle stood forth in the House of Lords to sound a trumpet note of alarm about the possibility, and even probability, —which was worse—of a German invasion. In making this alarmist speech "Bobs"—the "noblest of all living British soldiers," according to Lord Rosebery, which is rather hard on Lord Wolseley—"Bobs," I say, was only thinking of German battleships, battalions and batteries; but now there comes along Mr. E. P. Hearne with a most interesting volume on "Aerial Warfare," issued from the "Bodley Head," in which he marshals many arguments to show that even the present generation are not unlikely to realise Tennyson's lurid vision of "navies grappling in the central blue."

Conquest of the Air.

Personally, in this respect, I am on the side—not of the angels, who have wings and can fly—but of Sir Hiram Maxim and others, who have declared aerial navigation to be impossible as a practical means of locomotion which can be depended on in all circumstances. It may be that man is descended from a monkey, but it is most improbable that he will ever become a bird. As long as a dirigible balloon, which is lighter, or an aeroplane, which is heavier than the air, cannot make headway against such a tearing headwind as would even retard the pace of a railway train, we shall be quite safe from aerial invasion. For his conquest of South Africa Lord Roberts received £100,000 from his grateful country, and that is precisely the sum which was also voted to Count Zeppelin by the German people for his conquest of the air. The degrees of these two acts of victory were very different, but still the Germans are entitled to claim that they have advanced further on the path of air-conquest than any other nation. Heine sneered at them as a nation of dreamers, whose thoughts were always in the air, but his words have now acquired a wonderfully new significance:

The French and the Russians now lord it on the land,
In the ocean the Britons are rooted;
To the Germans remaineth the region of air,
Where they domineer undisputed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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MEDICAL ADVICE.

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LEGAL QUERIES.

[Original documents are not to be sent on any account. We cannot be responsible for them or undertake to return them, even if stamps are enclosed. We do not hold ourselves responsible for the answers, although they are by a legal expert. He does not undertake to construe the rules of friendly societies, nor to answer questions on foreign law. It is not always possible to answer all during the current week.]

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

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PATENTS.

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THE HOME PAGE.

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NOM-DE-PLUME.

[Correspondents should select pseudonyms nomde-plume in order to avoid confusion.]

LEGAL.

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HOLLY.—Yes, they take their father's share.
LUTHER.—No. 2. Yes, they will take equally.
LUTHER.—Yes, you might claim. See a solicitor.
LEGAL.—Write to Somerset House.
LEVEL.—Yes.
J. A.—Nothing.
A. B. C.—Yes (second).—Ask them to prove it.
QUILDSPRYLUM.—Only a week.
S. S.—From April to April, 1908.
SORRY.—Twenty-one days. Yes.
SWEETPEA.—Yes, legally.
CAMPBELL.—Write to Guildford County Court.
MAHABOOL.—Yes within the Act.
ANNA.—Depends on the terms of your agreement.
CHARLES.—Certainly.
OOO.—Depends on who it goes to.
A. S. HOPKINS.—Certainly not.
S. S. S.—Not for a single transaction.
GLADYS.—Yes illegal.
WILLIAM.—Yes, to make claim.
MOUSE.—Yes, probably.
DONNIE.—It will be equally divided.
DAVE.—Ask your landlord.
PADDY.—Let him with a month's notice.
LAUREL.—Two years, if you are servant now.
MARY.—Yes, quite legal.
SCARBOROUGH.—Notice is immaterial if you call on foot; a hawker's license if you have a horse and cart.
NUMSKULL.—Yes it could; court if sum made certain.
MARION.—No.
ELLIPSOID LANE.—You are liable, but we should do nothing. If they summons you explain facts to the judge.
ANXIOUS READER (Ilford).—Yes, but you could recover a proportion from every member of the club.
ANXIOUS (Willesden Green).—These are very difficult matters to get. Write to the managers of any of the great steamship lines.
C. AND D.—We are very sorry for you, but we fear there is no redress. Write to the Treasury.
WHITHALL.—Yes if he has divided all the money. But he should get a discharge and receipt in full from all parties.
HERBERT M. BICKFORD.—We don't think your facts can be right, but put them before Mr. Halsbell, Solicitor, Chemsford.
CITY MAN.—Time is no bar to a criminal prosecution, but we should hardly expect to find one brought after such a lapse of time.
ONE IN DOUBT (Coventry).—Depends entirely on the terms on which you hold the property. We cannot advise you on facts stated.
SIR HENRY.—Yes, if he has title to the estate. Else do you pay for but for them to look after it.
SUPERLOWER.—Yes, they can take it in execution after suing in County Court or distraining for rent.
IRELAND.—Very sorry, but we cannot remember details of cases. You must please repeat all particulars when making a further inquiry.
CID HARRIS.—Yes, you are quite right. Keep your landlord advised of what happens, he no may have to litigate.
SIX HINTS.—Yes, you can sue, but it will simply be your word against his unless you have corroborative evidence.
ENABLE.—Yes, he can assign his interest in the lease to you. Get a solicitor to draw a proper assignment. Cost, two or three pounds.
WHITE CHRYSANTHEMUM.—Certainly, you should be registered as a moneylender. Apply to Somerset House.
YOKEL.—You are responsible for his debts to the value of the property he actually left—which you took over—but no more. Call his creditors together and leave them to share alone value.
S. T. F.—If the late manager and you had authority to give it to you, and did so, we should say it is yours.
BRASHER.—Probably they would be liable, but under the new Act you can register it as a limited partnership.
A. B. C.—You must see a solicitor. Many questions would be will and must be answered before we could advise you properly.
MISS EMILY BADLAM.—Yes, you can; ask them to do so. See the Clerk to the Guardians and he will mean all the facts.
PERPLEXED.—Yes, the will must be proved, and probably it is. Apply to Somerset House.
ANXIOUS.—Yes, they are all registered there.
THE PHOOFLE.—Yes, distress them there. Cost about 10s. Or you can issue search summons to call there and cost the case.
O.—Bring a county court action for return of the money. It will be wise to employ a solicitor in doing so.
MONTANA BOY.—See in county court. You must not employ a solicitor. Note the agreement well.
BEETLE.—Yes, you can get custody of the child if you can find it, and you can take out a summons for maintenance in the police court.
FOR MUGGINS.—Depends entirely upon when you were appointed for 12 months. If less than 12 months' service you are not entitled.
ANXIOUS (C32 (Northampton).—You can sue your son, but under the circumstances, as you state them, you cannot recover from her or your property.
MANIPUR.—You are quite in the right to move. You cannot now make a valid contract with you, but your private evidence ought to be enough if he denies you.
CHRISTY.—This is hardly a legal question, but if you write to the Railway Clearing House they will refer you forward, or direct it would get into the right hands.
PRUDENTNESS.—The concurrent verbal agreement utterly valueless against formal agreement. Better offer him a lump sum to let you off and bring action.
SHOWY.—Technically police can arrest and a conviction would follow, but prosecution not often pressed for in such cases. 2. Yes, if they have not been paid for.
WIMBLEDON.—No night, by license; sell or give away as you please. You would have difficulty in proving your title to be good. Better to get over.
JUNO.—They cannot distrain, but they can issue execution as you could obtain when they got judgment. What you do is for the court and not the administration order.
MODORIA COOSHA.—Yes, you can. Indeed he may be a popular tenant and you may be glad to get rid of him. Give him notice to quit, stating the facts. They will assess the payable according to the circumstances and value.
UP AND OVER.—Write to Somerset House, stating the facts, and your signature, and ask them to refer to the domestic side for Probate and they will note of the caveat in question against you.
F. W. J.—You write out a short petition to the Bankruptcy Court and you may be able to obtain your discharge. Cost, about £2 2s.
FONT.—Very doubtful if there is any legal remedy on facts as stated. Why not explain to customers? If you can prove deliberate misrepresentation it might be an easy case for you can sue for damages in county court.
SNAP CAP.—Either get a mortgage on her property or a power of attorney to deal with it. In the latter case you must give notice to the tenants of your intention.
MINNIE RUFFER.—If he had any property (e.g., shares in shop) his will or letters of administration must have been taken out in this country, and will be in Probate Registry in Somerset House and not for registration.
LAMENTH.—Write to him at Chemnitz's Inn, Germany, W.C., and ask him to call and see you and will send you Post Office Order to enable him to write to you. There is no charge for information you require.
INQUIRER.—1. If you are not more than £1 in number you can sue for the money. 2. Write to the Secretary of Friendly Societies, and give full information and ask for advice. Cost you nothing unless you prefer counsel. Buy Acts at local bookseller's.
A. M. LARKSPUR.—The owner is responsible so long as the animal is on the highway, but not usually regards (1) the best advantage of the child; (2) will not sanction a child remaining in custody of an immoral parent.
J. C. H.—The fact that you are both executor and witness is not matter, but if the will has been witnessed by her husband then, strictly speaking, your daughter will lose any benefit to which she would otherwise have been entitled.
EUPHRATES.—There is no way of forcing her to do it unless the mother goes into the workhouse, which will deprive her of her pension. Why not appeal to some local philanthropic society? The amount is so now.
PHROSO.—1. Have never heard of such a claim, but should assume that county would hold that such a thing quite a likely happening and that you went on the ground knowing the risk of it, and willing to accept such a risk. 2. We should not advise you to take any action.
WINDOW.—You are liable for accidents occurring through the faulty state or construction of the ladders under the circumstances you state. Apply to Railway Passengers' Assurance Co. Householder not liable for such casual cap cy-ment.
ASTRO.—You will get off very much easier if you attend the court. Explain matter to the judge and plead for a small order. It will save you much trouble and expense. Write to the registrar and solicitor acknowledging, no doubt five clear days before the case comes on.
RUSSELL-SQ.—1. If separate deeds for separate houses you can do as you propose, but if all under one set their custody, subject to a covenant for production, must be matter of arrangement. 2 and 3. Quite impossible. If you employ a solicitor, he will undertake. Dress in flannel.

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"THE PEOPLE" YEAR BOOK, 1909, contains Useful Medical Advice. See Page 12.

E. B. H.—We do not.
ANXIOUS.—Drugs will not help you.
TROTTER.—Yes, certainly.
OAKS.—No not walk so quickly.
ANXIOUS.—Yes, we know a good consulting surgeon; he will give you all the information you require.
WEEKLY READER A.—We think it might be an improvement.
PUZZLED.—We know nothing of it; it is a private formula.
ABAHOUS MOTHER.—Boil it, let it cool, and use the liquid as butter.
RECLE.—Take one 5-grain Salicine Tabloid twice a day after food.
OCOMA (Bath), WHATO, SHIVERS.—Take local medical aid.
AMY WILLIAMS.—On the contrary, they are very much to be commended for their action.
W. POULTON.—You were written to on the 4th inst.
FRANK, BRITANNIA, AFRICA.—Dissolve two nano-pharangani cubeds in 4 ounces of clean, tepid water and smill up the nostrils daily.
OLIVE.—Yes, it is a case for a specialist having forward there. The open air treatment is the best resource.
MARIO, M.O.—We do not recommend you to try it. Take medicine and observe the directions as for Mrs. Hey.
FRANK WILLIAMS.—1. All drugs if taken for too long a time are injurious to health. 2. Take medicine as for Mrs. Hey.
GLADYS.—Should the condition again arise the best thing is to go to apply hot flannels and cold in succession.
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EXTRA (Otley).—I do not recommend.
SAUNDERSON (Peckham).—Have no thing to do with them.
[illegible] (Wimbledon).—Write me where you can obtain regular advice as to the evidence.
ANXIOUS.—Cannot undertake to take notice of the letters. You will probably lose money if you do.
M. J. W. (Faversham).—Such good unfailing sedatives are not to my information to give.
FINANCIAL (South Molton).—I cannot advise transactions.
SPITFIRE (Chislehurst).—I do not advise a payment of money with the bank named.
SPITFIRE (Lethal Gloom).—Leave the whole matter with your solicitor.
ANXIOUS (Bristol).—I do not care to recommend either.
ANXIOUS (Brondesbury).—Don't waste your money.
R. G. G.—Both specialists, of course, and when you see prefer you ought to take the one.
W. W.—Yes, I think you can. I prefer the selection to the stocks you name, although they are securities of a very fair class.
F. P.—Yes, you can. Apply to Place. Your own bank will buy them stocks for you.
Q. B. (Durham).—Lloyd's Bank shares are an excellent investment. At present price they cover a return of about 4½ per cent.
JABOT (Stoke Newington).—You doubtless pay my charges if you like. All present have always been perfectly fairly treated by them.
I do not see why you should not go on dosing.
WORTHING FARM.—Yes, you could. Get to grips with the next season, or with the Midland Bank of South Africa or the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
SHERBIUS (Aylesbury).—The preference shares appear to me to be a fair industrial risk. The premium, I observe, are to be applied to paying off the debentures.
MAY.—Yes. 2. Yes, a dividend, I think, will probably be declared immediately; cannot foreshadow amount, but as you say, the company is doing extremely well.
BRADEN (Swindon).—Only know of one United Counties Bank, and that is the Bank of Liverpool (December 31st to 1s. 3d., and a fortnight ago at 1s. 2d.
W. J. H. (Bristol).—It is a new bank which is still in the building progress, but I should prefer an older institution myself, offering a smaller rate of interest on deposits.
WORTHING FARM.—Make a personal call. If you are a debenture holder you have, of course, a very direct interest in the affairs of company if liquidation should be contemplated.
E. M. K. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).—Sorry I cannot assist. One cannot lay down rules for buying and selling, but generally speaking people who would have satisfied themselves on such an essential point as their stability to follow the drawings.
E. B. (Plymouth).—Yes, you can. Honest outside brokers, but you should bear in mind that you can always buy from your own broker, and, as a rule, you are more or less guaranteed by them in your purchases.
ANXIOUS (Aldershot).—Am not aware that the society cannot meet all its obligations, but I cannot give details of its financial position beyond saying that it is a fairly sound one. Consult the secretary of the Friendly Societies' Acts; these are quite simple.
PIANO (Gateshead).—Divide your £1,000 between Egyptian Unified 4 per Cent. Coupon, Spanish 4 per Cent. Loan, Spanish Hypothecated 4 per Cent. Railway Bonds, William Cory and Son 5 per Cent. Debentures, and Canton-Kowloon 5 per Cent. Railway Bonds.
PUZZLED (Gravesend).—Answer I referred to Leasehold Preference shares last week the gross yield has improved to 1s 6d. 6s. 6d. Ordinary still yielding 5 per cent. Neither is quite safe, though I do not expect any considerable reduction.
DUBIOUS (Cheltham Common).—I do not see why you should not continue. The country is, I believe, in a very sound financial position. You ought to be able to get your money to go on with. Why not try Dr. Tibble's Vi-Cocoa? It is very partly food or liquid foods.
HOLMBURY, WILBERFORCE BROWNE, RHUBARB, RECESSIONER, H. H. (Mon.).—Take in essence of this medicine in a wineglassful of water each meal: Bismuth carb. mag carb. sodii bicarb. of each 2 drachms; liquor nucis vom. 10 drops; tr. opii camph. 20 minims; aq. ad 1 ounce.
MIRUPU (Greyford).—Yes, what has been passed in the first Call for £1 on January 1915 times for you to learn, I may say, myself. I have had many business with them for years and always found them perfectly honourable. Why not write to them? Their address is 2, Lothbury, E.C.
PEOPLITE, W. C. A. H. BAKER.—Live much in the open air; have the painful part well massaged daily, and well rubbed with some of this liniment night and morning. Liq. arsenicalis 1 drachm; spt. camph. 2 drachms; tinct. nucis vom. 2 drachms; ol. origani ad 1 ounce. Apply a spoonful of this medicine in a claret-glassful of effervescing potash water after each meal: Mag carb. 3 drachms; sodii iodid. 2 drachms; sodii bicarb. 4 drachms; potass bicarb. 1 ounce; liq. fowleri, 1 drachm; decoct sarsæ co. to 20 ounces. Avoid all stimulants. Dress in flannel.

FINANCIAL.

NOTICE.

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WINDOW.—You are liable for accidents occurring through the faulty state or construction of the ladders under the circumstances you state. Apply to Railway Passengers' Assurance Co. Householder not liable for such casual cap cy-ment.
ASTRO.—You will get off very much easier if you attend the court. Explain matter to the judge and plead for a small order. It will save you much trouble and expense. Write to the registrar and solicitor acknowledging, no doubt five clear days before the case comes on.
RUSSELL-SQ.—1. If separate deeds for separate houses you can do as you propose, but if all under one set their custody, subject to a covenant for production, must be matter of arrangement. 2 and 3. Quite impossible. If you employ a solicitor, he will undertake. Dress in flannel.

EXTRA (Otley).—I do not recommend.
SAUNDERSON (Peckham).—Have no thing to do with them.
[illegible] (Wimbledon).—Write me where you can obtain regular advice as to the evidence.
ANXIOUS.—Cannot undertake to take notice of the letters. You will probably lose money if you do.
M. J. W. (Faversham).—Such good unfailing sedatives are not to my information to give to.
FINANCIAL (South Molton).—I cannot advise transactions.
SPITFIRE (Chislehurst).—I do not advise a payment of money with the bank named.
SPITFIRE (Lethal Gloom).—Leave the whole matter with your solicitor.
ANXIOUS (Bristol).—I do not care to recommend either.
ANXIOUS (Brondesbury).—Don't waste your money.
R. G. G.—Both specialists, of course, and when you see prefer you ought to take the one.
W. W.—Yes, I think you can. I prefer the selection to the stocks you name, although they are securities of a very fair class.
F. P.—Yes, you can. Apply to Place. Your own bank will buy them stocks for you.
Q. B. (Durham).—Lloyd's Bank shares are an excellent investment. At present price they cover a return of about 4½ per cent.
JABOT (Stoke Newington).—You doubtless pay my charges if you like. All present have always been perfectly fairly treated by them.
I do not see why you should not go on dosing.
WORTHING FARM.—Yes, you could. Get to grips with the next season, or with the Midland Bank of South Africa or the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
SHERBIUS (Aylesbury).—The preference shares appear to me to be a fair industrial risk. The premium, I observe, are to be applied to paying off the debentures.
MAY.—Yes. 2. Yes, a dividend, I think, will probably be declared immediately; cannot foreshadow amount, but as you say, the company is doing extremely well.
BRADEN (Swindon).—Only know of one United Counties Bank, and that is the Bank of Liverpool (December 31st to 1s. 3d., and a fortnight ago at 1s. 2d.
W. J. H. (Bristol).—It is a new bank which is still in the building progress, but I should prefer an older institution myself, offering a smaller rate of interest on deposits.
WORTHING FARM.—Make a personal call. If you are a debenture holder you have, of course, a very direct interest in the affairs of company if liquidation should be contemplated.
E. M. K. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).—Sorry I cannot assist. One cannot lay down rules for buying and selling, but generally speaking people who would have satisfied themselves on such an essential point as their stability to follow the drawings.
E. B. (Plymouth).—Yes, you can. Honest outside brokers, but you should bear in mind that you can always buy from your own broker, and, as a rule, you are more or less guaranteed by them in your purchases.
ANXIOUS (Aldershot).—Am not aware that the society cannot meet all its obligations, but I cannot give details of its financial position beyond saying that it is a fairly sound one. Consult the secretary of the Friendly Societies' Acts; these are quite simple.
PIANO (Gateshead).—Divide your £1,000 between Egyptian Unified 4 per Cent. Coupon, Spanish 4 per Cent. Loan, Spanish Hypothecated 4 per Cent. Railway Bonds, William Cory and Son 5 per Cent. Debentures, and Canton-Kowloon 5 per Cent. Railway Bonds.
PUZZLED (Gravesend).—Answer I referred to Leasehold Preference shares last week the gross yield has improved to 1s 6d. 6s. 6d. Ordinary still yielding 5 per cent. Neither is quite safe, though I do not expect any considerable reduction.
DUBIOUS (Cheltham Common).—I do not see why you should not continue. The country is, I believe, in a very sound financial position. You ought to be able to get your money to go on with. Why not try Dr. Tibble's Vi-Cocoa? It is very partly food or liquid foods.
HOLMBURY, WILBERFORCE BROWNE, RHUBARB, RECESSIONER, H. H. (Mon.).—Take in essence of this medicine in a wineglassful of water each meal: Bismuth carb. mag carb. sodii bicarb. of each 2 drachms; liquor nucis vom. 10 drops; tr. opii camph. 20 minims; aq. ad 1 ounce.
MIRUPU (Greyford).—Yes, what has been passed in the first Call for £1 on January 1915 times for you to learn, I may say, myself. I have had many business with them for years and always found them perfectly honourable. Why not write to them? Their address is 2, Lothbury, E.C.
PEOPLITE, W. C. A. H. BAKER.—Live much in the open air; have the painful part well massaged daily, and well rubbed with some of this liniment night and morning. Liq. arsenicalis 1 drachm; spt. camph. 2 drachms; tinct. nucis vom. 2 drachms; ol. origani ad 1 ounce. Apply a spoonful of this medicine in a claret-glassful of effervescing potash water after each meal: Mag carb. 3 drachms; sodii iodid. 2 drachms; sodii bicarb. 4 drachms; potass bicarb. 1 ounce; liq. fowleri, 1 drachm; decoct sarsæ co. to 20 ounces. Avoid all stimulants. Dress in flannel.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

HOPEFUL.—No, January, 1911.
DATUM.—Yes, due to eligible.
HARD TIMES.—Not qualified.
ANXIOUS ONE.—Not certainly apply for one.
O. COLOR.—No; is not eligible as he receives [illegible].
BOTHUP.—You can try, but we do not think you are eligible.
DAUGHTER.—No pension whilst earning wages [illegible].
CRIPPSTEAD (Pudham).—Ask pension officer for a form.
YOUNGSTER.—Both eligible, though neither for full pension.
CURIOUS.—Would be eligible January 1, 1911.
GOFFO.—Try affidavits of brothers, sisters or friends who knew you as a child.
FLORENCE WILDE (Ely).—Your mother entitled to a pension, but maximum is 5s.
ELSIE.—Not likely to be eligible if step pay is [illegible].
VILLAGER.—1. Not assured. 2. Yes. 3. Your wife would get one.
REX.—You are not aware that this point has been raised in the Courts. Write to the Secretary of the Friendly Societies' Acts.
J. HOOKSCOPE.—The most make her claim.
SERIOUS.—The "People's" Year Book for 1909 (1s.) contains particulars concerning claims for old-age pensions. You should get a copy for reference.
TOMKINS.—You cannot get a copy for reference. See mention of 3/7 for a marriage certificate, as above.
BOOKWORM.—Write to Ayr. The Rye questions, on the face of the document, appear to be quite in order, but as to judgment as to more leaf on.
FROM AN ELF.—Your wife entitled. If Dispensed with produce a regular source of income in your favour.

HAVAL AND MILITARY.

S. W. F.—No.
JOLLY TAR.—Write to the ship at Portland.
Sid COLLIER.—Yes. Very probably.
ANXIOUS.—See King Alfred's Navy in the list.
FORUM.—It is now Rear-Admiral Slade.
REVERE.—No, that ship has been dismantled.
R. FIRE.—They are not down on the official programme.
1st GLOSTERS.—We should be outside a garrison town.
CHARLES 2.—It is a very good position for a working man.
R. ELSE.—Would be pleased to hear from you when [illegible].
R. F. S.—Write to the Secretary of the Admiralty.
R. ELSE.—Would be pleased to hear from you when [illegible].
BUCKLE, NORMAN.—You cannot do so for 8½ years yet.
W. BOAKES.—Go to one of the offices of the Army Recruiting Staff in the City, or to any post any drum to the London Armoury and try on the spot.
IOANSAILE.—Transfer to a sanitary company should be easy. Apply through the officer commanding your unit to the officer commanding the sanitary company you propose to join. Or, to the 1st City of London Sanitary Co. the application should go to Maj. Bryett, A.S., San. Co., Clitheroe-st., E.C.
FERRATT.—The headquarters are in Commercial-rd. The duenard is the drill ship, she is moored at Blackfriars.
TIME OATER.—I think you should do so. Send a statement of your case to the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital.
ECCLESTONCHERRANT.—Col. Ford's address is National Volunteer Reserve, 222-225, Outer Temple, Strand, W.C.
PATRIOT.—The new edition of "The People" Year Book (1s.) has several special articles on Naval and Military matters. Every soldier and sailor should get a copy, for much of it referred on all matters it is most valuable.
CURNER.—You are not entitled to the medal. Your service with the Colours does not count for the V.L.M., and as you did not transfer to the Territorial Force you require 20 efficiency certificates of the Volunteer Service.
RANKER.—1. The grant is given under special circumstances. 2. Nothing. 3. No, not necessarily. 4, 5, 6. It depends on himself entirely. He need not be poor. Some manage without a private income in the Line.

POULTRY.

F. J. KNOTT.—The fowl which is in a feverish condition and has a swollen comb is the subject of roup. See answer to Mabel.
MOTHER CLUCK.—You may safely set the eggs from the hens when the cockerel has been with them 10 days.
WHITE WYANDOTTE.—1. There cannot, under any circumstances, be beneficial results from pipping fowls or chickens. 2. The condition must be too irritating.
FEATHERS.—The disorders which are continuously moulting are certainly in an over-heated condition and require treatment. Write to the Bird Hospital, at South Norwood, London, about them.
DOUBTFUL.—There is no reason why successful hatching in March should not result from a cockerel about a year old mated with hens two years old, provided the stock in other respects than age, are in good condition for breeding from.
EAST ANGLIAN.—The fowl which has protrusion of the vent, the result of straining, is the subject of disease of the oviduct. Disease is not in the least degree contagious, but the bird is not likely to prove of any service as a future layer.
OLD CHINA.—1. The only reliable cure for feather plucking is a peg of indiarubber about a quarter of an inch wide and about an eighth of an inch thick passed through the wing of a piece of wire passed through the partition between the hen-pens. 2. Indian Game pullets now produce eggs should sell for 4s. 6d. per dozen.
P. M. C.—You get eggs in March if it is advisable to have pullets well-matured, and stamina is quite as important as strain to ensure a supply of eggs. The non-sitting strain of the Leghorn is the largest number of eggs, and Black Minorcas and White Leghorns would be most likely to give satisfaction in

HER FATHER'S CRIME.

By GEORGE BRUCE.

CHAPTER I.

THE STORY OF A CRIME.

One of the most brilliant among modern makers of epigrams has remarked that the Book of Life begins with a man and woman in a garden and ends with—Revelations. So with our story. It begins with a man and woman in a garden—the revelations will follow in due course. It was a small, but extremely pretty garden, every nook and corner betraying the loving care bestowed upon it by not inexperienced hands. The man and woman stood facing each other—he, tall, fair, distinguished—a man whom women declared handsome; she, a beautiful brunette, full of grace and charm, in the first blush of womanhood. Lord Belvoir, of Belvoir Court, Devonshire, was a man to be envied, a man upon whom more than one mother with marriageable daughters looked with favourable eye, for he was the possessor of many broad acres and thirty thousand a year. He had seen the world, too; had "roughed it," so to speak, and there was in him just that spice of the devil that most women like—though they rarely admit the fact, and perhaps are not always conscious of it.

His companion, Elma Carrington, was of somewhat less heroic type; she lacked the easy self-possession, the calm assurance that comes of contact with society and the world, though the firm mouth and well-modelled chin were evidence that she possessed a will of her own which needed only the occasion to bring it into play. Seen in repose, here was a beautiful and bewitching face, and small wonder if even Lord Belvoir, accustomed as he was to the sight of fair women, should be attracted by it.

But there was no aspect of repose about her now; her hands were clenched convulsively, the colour had left her cheeks, a great horror was shining in her eyes. For she had just listened to a revelation so hideous, so appalling, that her very heart seemed to have suddenly ceased its beatings; she had been told that her father was a murderer, and it was Lord Belvoir who had imparted the awful information. She stood before him stunned by the terrible blow.

It was an ideal summer day. The June sun shone in a cloudless sky, the birds sang their sweetest amid the leafy trees; the flowers bloomed with all the brilliance of mid-summer loveliness; but Elma Carrington was oblivious of all the beauties which surrounded her. She saw nothing, heeded nothing; she was only conscious of that one horrible thought—her father was a murderer.

Lord Belvoir stood regarding her with a well-assumed expression of pity in his eyes.

"Miss Carrington," he said presently, breaking the silence that had fallen upon them, and speaking in that soft tone of his which women so much admired, "I am sorry——"

Miss Carrington held up her hand.

"Don't," she said in a constrained voice. "Spare me your pity. I cannot bear it. Tell me the whole story."

"Do you not know enough?" he asked, his manner suggestive of reluctance to pursue a painful theme.

"Tell me all the horrible story; omit nothing. I insist upon knowing everything. It is my right."

He gave a sigh of resignation, as if he deplored her resolve.

"As you will," he said.

There was a pause. Elma stood watching him with agonised expectancy in her eyes. Lord Belvoir's face wore an expression that implied much perplexity of thought, as though he were revolving some weighty problem in his mind.

"Will you not sit down?" he asked at last, in tones of solicitude.

"No."

"I think you had better. The story is a long one."

"I prefer standing."

"Very well." Lord Belvoir shrugged his shoulders and gave a regretful sigh. "As you are aware," he continued, "before I assumed my present position I was miserably poor. I was, in fact, a clerk in a lawyer's office—my salary a pound a week. You may have heard of that part of my life. It is common talk here."

"I have heard something of the circumstance," answered Elma, "but what has that to do with the story?" impatiently.

"Nothing much, certainly; but it will explain somewhat the reason that prompted me to seek a means of improving my position. I heard that in the diamond fields of the Cape fortunes were to be made. I determined to go there, and stinted myself in order to get sufficient money to pay my expenses to that land of golden dreams. It was a bitter struggle, a grim battle, but I accomplished it. Three years ago I reached the El Dorado of my expectations."

He paused, drawing a deep breath, and looked at his companion in a half-expectant manner, as if he desired her to proffer some remark. But Elma made no sign.

"I reached the El Dorado of my expectations," he repeated, "but, alas, for the realisation of my cherished hopes! Hope was doomed to disappointment, expectation to despair. However, I will not dwell upon the miserable period that followed. Like snow before sunshine, I saw all my bright schemes vanish. I wandered from one spot to another until I came to a place called Grimstone. There fortune became more gracious and—"

Elma made a movement with her hand.

"My father," she said, "tell me of my father."

"It was at Grimstone I met your father," his lordship answered. He paused.

Elma looked at him inquiringly.

"Well?" she said, somewhat sharply. "Go on. Why do you stop? You met my father at Grimstone?"

"Yes," he answered, flushing slightly, evidently annoyed at the asperity of her tone. "I met your father at Grimstone. A mutual liking sprang up between us, and we became fast friends. There was this bond of sympathy between us—we had both been unlucky. But at Grimstone, as I have said, my luck changed, and I prospered fairly well. Your father's prospects, on the contrary, seemed to grow worse. He was in despair. He, like so many others, had come out full of hope and energy, thinking the amassing of a fortune would be an easy thing. Only too surely were his dreams of wealth dispelled. I was sorry for him—he had so much at stake. In England he had a wife and a daughter whom he loved dearer than all in the world. They were everything to him. He spoke to me frequently of them. Their images were engraven on his heart; their names were ever on his lips. They were in the dear homeland across the seas, those beloved ones of his. They were waiting for him, praying for him, longing for him, looking forward to the day when they should all meet again; when, rich and joyous, he should return to them. But it seemed as if it was not to be. Fate was dead against him—nothing he attempted succeeded. He became moody and morose, as disappointed men are apt to become. He loved his wife and daughter so dearly that the constant baffling of his every effort to add to their comfort and happiness was well nigh more than he could bear."

"Poor father!" murmured Elma involuntarily. Lord Belvoir gave a sympathetic smile.

"You do well to pity him," he said.

"Go on," said Elma, briefly.

His lordship bowed.

"At Grimstone," he continued, "there was a man named Moreton—Joshua Moreton, to give him his full name. An acquaintance sprang up between him and your father. He represented himself as being another unfortunate, but his representation was not true, as it afterwards appeared. He had concealed in his hut diamonds to the value of twenty thousand pounds—I learnt that fact after he was—was dead. Your father was cognisant of it previously. Moreton, in a burst of confidence, and under the influence of liquor, had departed from his usual caution, and had confided to your father the secret of his wealth. From the moment he learned Moreton's secret a mania took possession of your father's mind. It was to possess himself of some of those valuable stones that he had striven so desperately for in vain. But it was not so much for his own sake as for the sake of those dear ones across the seas that he hungered for wealth. The idea of possessing these gems became his sole absorbing thought, filling his brain by day, haunting his dreams by night. He fought against temptation to the utmost of his power, but in vain. It seemed to him as though some demon were ever by his side, prompting him to rob Moreton, pointing out to him in some subtle and mysterious way the easiest and most effective methods by which he could secure his heart's desire. At last he could withstand it no longer; he yielded to the tempter's voice. One night he plied Moreton with drink. His idea was to make Moreton intoxicated, he himself keeping sober. He apparently succeeded."

Lord Belvoir paused, and, taking a spotless handkerchief out of his pocket, wiped from his brow the perspiration that had gathered there. Elma, who was watching him intently, noted the trembling of his hand.

"Joshua Moreton," continued Lord Belvoir presently, "drank whisky until he could drink no more. Then, in a helpless condition of drunkenness, he threw himself upon the bed and was speedily asleep. Your father waited some time, to make sure that he should not be disturbed. Then, when Moreton's heavy breathing left no doubt as to the soundness of his drunken sleep, swiftly and noiselessly your father sought the hiding-place of the jewels, beneath a small plank in the corner of the hut. Quickly he removed it and peered into the cavity. A sudden cry escaped him—the diamonds were gone!"

Elma started. "The diamonds gone!" she exclaimed.

"Yes," replied her companion; "someone had evidently been there before him. As your father stood there gazing down into that empty space, startled and bewildered, a cry behind roused him. Turning, he saw Joshua Moreton standing looking at him with distended eyes, in the act of springing upon him. The next instant the two were struggling for dear life. In five minutes one of these men was dead; his name was Joshua Moreton."

Elma shuddered. She closed her eyes for a minute as if to shut out some hideous vision. Then she looked at him, and there was something of scorn and anger in her glance.

"And you?" she demanded. "Why did not you try to prevent the crime? Do you mean to say that you saw one man kill another, and did not try to interfere?"

"I did not see it," Lord Belvoir answered. "I arrived on the scene when it was too late to interfere. The fatal blow had been struck, Joshua Moreton was dead, and your father was standing gazing down at the lifeless body, horrified at what he had done. To aid the dead was impossible, but I did my best to help the living. I assisted your father to hide all traces of the affair. When another day dawned, all that remained of Joshua Moreton had been buried, all evidence of what had transpired during the night had been carefully removed. Moreton's sudden disappearance caused a little surprise, but it soon died away. Men were in the habit of taking abrupt departures from Grimstone. Besides, Moreton had frequently hinted that he should soon be leaving."

"And the diamonds — who had them?"

"Who can say? Someone had probably learnt the secret of their concealment, and, during Moreton's absence from his hut, had stolen them."

She looked at him distrustfully.

"Why did you not tell me this before—six months ago—when first you knew me?" Elma demanded.

He drew a step nearer to her.

"Because I wished to spare you pain," he answered, his face flushing, his breath coming thick and fast. "I wished to win your love without coercion; because——" anger flashing into his eyes, "you have treated me with contempt and scorn, and because I have vowed you shall become my wife."

Elma Carrington recoiled from him with a startled cry. "Your wife!" she repeated. "I?"

"Yes, you," he went on; and, looking at her hungrily, "I love you; I love you better than life itself. You are my life—my very soul. Without you life is a blank existence; with you it would be Heaven. Be my wife, and let me become your slave!"

The mask had fallen from his face. All the passion she had aroused in him was written in his eyes. Something in his face repelled Elma. For a moment she shrank from him trembling; the next she drew herself up proudly.

"No," she said coldly, "I cannot marry you."

"Not even to become Lady Belvoir?" a half sneer upon his face.

"Not even to become Lady Belvoir."

"You refuse me?" His brow darkened as he spoke.

"Emphatically."

Her companion's face hardened, a cruel light shone in his eyes. He went a step nearer to her, but she shrank from him.

"I think I can persuade you to alter your decision," he said in slow, deliberate tones, like a man who is carefully weighing every word before uttering it. "I am, fortunately or unfortunately, a stubborn-minded man, who, having formed a resolution, knows neither peace nor rest until he has accomplished it. Willingly or unwillingly, you shall become my wife."

Elma listened to him in growing surprise, a vague fear creeping into her heart. His self-assurance terrified her. But she looked at him bravely.

"Lord Belvoir," she said, "I am very sorry, but it is impossible. You forget, I am already engaged."

"Yes," so I have heard, to some sailor fellow," was the contemptuous response, "but you will never wed him; you are going to marry me. You must!"

"Must?" she repeated, her eyes suddenly flashing.

"Aye, must! For your father's sake, your mother's life, you must. I hold their destinies in my hand."

"What do you mean?"

"You think your father is in South Africa. You are wrong—he is at the Court."

"At the Court?" Elma repeated, incredulously.

"Yes, he has been my guest for a week."

"Why has he not been to us, mamma and me?"

"Because I would not permit him," answered Lord Belvoir. "I am more considerate for your mother's health than you are. Your mother suffers from heart disease, and sudden shocks are apt to prove dangerous to persons so afflicted. Your mother may perhaps receive such a shock unless you become my wife, for as sure as you refuse me, so sure shall your father be handed over to justice for the murder of Joshua Moreton."

Elma looked at him in horror. "Lord Belvoir, you could not be so cruel," she cried.

"I could, and will," he answered, in an inexorable tone.

Elma gave a despairing gesture. The expression on Lord Belvoir's face told her that he would be pitiless.

"Give me time," she pleaded. "This is so bewildering; I must think."

Lord Belvoir reflected a minute. Sure of victory, he could afford to be generous.

"I will give till to-morrow," he answered. "Stay," a sudden thought striking him, "would you like to see your father?"

Elma's heart seemed to leap into her throat.

"Yes," she said, almost in a whisper.

"We will reserve your answer till next Friday, when there is an informal dinner at the Court. I will forward an invitation to you and your mother. I can rely upon your acceptance?" cynically.

Elma bowed her head in acquiescence.

"And now I must be going."

He held out his hand, but Elma declined it. Lord Belvoir bit his lip savagely.

"Very well," he muttered; "but my time will come. I can wait."

Aloud he said, his voice revealing nothing of his inward chagrin, "Good morning, Miss Carrington. I suppose I need not warn you of the inadvisability of mentioning to your mother the fact of her husband's return, and the nature of our present interview. The knowledge might have disastrous results. Once more, Miss Carrington, au revoir."

With the grace of a polished gentleman he raised his hat.

The next moment he was gone, and Elma, to her infinite relief, was alone.

CHAPTER II.

SLIGHTLY RETROSPECTIVE.

In due course the invitation for Mrs. Carrington and her daughter to dine at Belvoir Court arrived. Its receipt put the former into quite a flutter of pleasurable excitement. Poor little woman! she had very few diversions to break the monotony of her existence, so that when anything occurred that varied the prosaic routine of everyday life, she became unduly elated.

Mrs. Carrington was of the order of women known as petite. She was gentle, clinging, delicate, sensitive to a fault, and completely deficient in those masculine attributes which, more or less, characterise the up-to-date woman.

She had soft brown eyes, silky hair of the same colour, which was becoming streaked with silver threads, and a complexion, which, notwithstanding her forty odd years, was as fresh and as blooming and as free from wrinkles as it had been twenty years before.

She had married beneath her station when she took John Carrington for better or worse. "Thrown herself away upon him," her friends and relatives said. He was a city clerk in a merchant's office, earning the princely salary of two hundred pounds per annum; she had a fortune of five thousand pounds and expectations. She had been an orphan with no nearer relations to control her than two second cousins, and they counted as nothing. So she obeyed the promptings of her heart and married the man she loved. They were happy in their wedded state, perhaps not so happy as she had anticipated in the golden days of their courtship, but still happy.

Time drifted on, and children were born to them, but Elma, the first born, was the only one that survived. When Elma was seven years old, the bank wherein Mrs. Carrington's

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money had been deposited failed, and within a week of that catastrophe John Carrington lost his situation through the bankruptcy of his firm. These two calamities occurring so quickly one upon the other, fell with appalling force upon them, and filled them with despair. Then ensued a hard time for the Carringtons. John tried to obtain another situation, but his efforts were a dismal failure. When in employment, and enjoying the additional luxury of the interest on his wife's money, he had been apt to be independent and slightly supercilious, to manifest a species of contempt for his temporal masters, believing that he should experience no difficulty in procuring a fresh post should ever circumstances necessitate his quitting the present one. He had plenty of abilities, or believed he had, which is not nearly the same thing. Experience only too soon revealed his mistake. Good penmen and clever accountants were at a discount. There were thousands as good as he, and many infinitely superior, walking about with idle hands and aching hearts. And at last he had to confess his own mediocrity. The Carringtons had been a sadly careless and improvident pair. In the days of their affluence, they had never thought of the possible rainy day that might be awaiting them. They had lived up to their income, sometimes, indeed, far beyond it, and when at last the unexpected happened they were ill-prepared for it.

They had a sorry time of it. The days grew into weeks, the weeks lengthened into months, and still John Carrington was unemployed. The little ready money they had by them soon melted away; then the home they had both so prized was gradually disposed of to procure the necessaries of life. They had quitted the pretty villa in the suburbs, where they had been so happy, almost at the beginning of their misfortunes, and moved into a smaller and less expensive dwelling, which, too, they had deemed it expedient to vacate subsequently for apartments in a house situated in a locality which was poor and overcrowded, where the Carringtons tasted the bitterness of uncongenial surroundings. Here they lived for six long dreary months as best they could, a pitiful hand-to-mouth existence. Then a stroke of luck befell John Carrington.

One day, whilst walking about, moodily speculating upon his condition, and wondering how much longer his misery would continue, he unexpectedly met an old friend and former schoolfellow, who was captain in the merchant service, commanding a steamer trading between London and Natal.

Captain Hollings was delighted at meeting John Carrington, whom he had not seen for years. Hollings was a typical British sailor, bluff, hearty, and genial, whose face impressed one in his favour, and whose eyes had a true, honest expression in them. In him John found a ready sympathiser and a generous friend, very unlike those butterflies that had fluttered round him in his days of prosperity, and forgot his very existence when adversity cast its shadow over him. He could put Carrington in employment at once. There was a vacancy for steward on board his own vessel, and this he offered at once to his old friend, who only too thankfully accepted it when his doubts as to his suitability for the post were removed by the assurance of the worthy captain that the duties would be speedily mastered.

Poor Mrs. Carrington, when she heard of her husband's intention, was well-nigh heartbroken at the separation which it implied. The thought of parting from her beloved had never occurred to her, and when she was at last confronted with its possibility the shock was inexpressibly painful. But prudence told her that it was best that he should go, and she prepared for his departure with as much fortitude as possible, though often her loving heart ached, and bitter, regretful tears filled her eyes.

When at length the day arrived for the ship to sail Mrs. Carrington and Elma stood upon the quay and watched the vessel until it was lost to sight. Then mother and daughter returned to the desolate home to watch and wait and pray. John Carrington reached Natal in safety. There, through Captain Hollings' influence he secured a lucrative appointment in a merchant's office. His experience as a steward had not been particularly satisfactory, and the idea of returning to England in that capacity was distasteful to him. Besides, if he did return, he would in all probability have to undergo once more the bitter experiences of the past. "And that," he wrote his wife, "is not to be thought of for a moment. My dear one, I will be as saving as I can, and by and by you and Elma must come out to me here. There are only the three of us, and surely we can live as happily here as in England."

But that happy period never arrived. Regularly every mail came a letter full of love and tenderness, teeming with hope and confidence; punctually every quarter came a remittance for the support of wife and daughter. And that was all. The passage money never made its appearance. And so time passed on. Weeks lapsed into months, months became years, but still the wide ocean divided the loving hearts. Possibly, had Capt. Hollings continued in the same vessel he would have found means of conveying Mrs. Carrington and daughter to the husband and father across the sea. But he had married and retired from the sea, settling down upon a farm in Australia.

Then suddenly came the news that John Carrington had thrown up his situation, and had gone to try his hand at fortune-making in the diamond fields. From that time his letters became irregular. Still, if they were less frequent, they were more cheerful, more hopeful. John Carrington assured his wife that at last the fickle goddess had smiled upon him, and that he was on the high road to fortune. He was confident of that, certain that one day he would have the luck of stumbling across the diamonds that would bring him wealth and fame. He was very sanguine. Even now he was making twice—nay, thrice—as much as he had done in the merchant's office in Natal. Others had done it before him, and why should he not succeed as well as they? He had patience and perseverance—the two great essentials to ultimate success—and these qualities would eventually win for him all that he desired. He must wait his time, that was all. Upon one point, however, he was firmly resolved. He would not return to England until he had gained a certain independency. And, under existing circumstances, it was expedient for Mrs. Carrington and her daughter to abandon all idea of going out to him. Mrs. Carrington shed bitter tears of disappointment over these letters, but she was powerless to change the condition of affairs. Fate was too strong for her. She could only wait and hope; but waiting grew dreary, and hope lost its power to comfort. And during these weary years of trial and waiting her greatest—indeed, her only—consolation was her daughter.

Elma had grown into a beautiful and accomplished girl. The mother watched the daughter's development from childhood to womanhood with pride and exultation, and thought how gratified the father would be could he see the graceful and elegant creature who owed her being to him. When the girl was about eighteen her mother's health began to fail her, and by the advice of her doctor she decided to take up her residence in the country, and eventually selected Dovedale as her future abode.

Mrs. Carrington and her daughter led a calm, peaceful life. The place suited them admirably. The fact that they were ladies soon became known, and they were speedily on visiting terms with the best people in the neighbourhood. Elma's beauty and accomplishments made her a delightful acquisition to Dovedale society. Arthur Stanleigh, the eligible son of the vicar of Dovedale, during one of his home-comings, was so captured by Elma's charms, and Elma was so attracted by the handsome, stalwart young sailor, that before he returned to his ship Elma Carrington was his promised wife.

At first Mrs. Carrington had been delighted at the prospect of having Arthur Stanleigh for a son-in-law. She had written a glowing account of him to her husband, saying what a fortunate girl Elma was to gain such a desirable prize in the matrimonial lottery. But her opinion had undergone an alteration lately. Her regard for Arthur was as high as ever. He possessed all those estimable qualities which go to the making of a good husband. But Elma, with her beauty and charms, her many graces and accomplishments, might do considerably better. It was the advent of Lord Belvoir that had given birth to this idea in Mrs. Carrington's mind. From the first introduction, that lady, with true feminine penetration, had noticed that his lordship was greatly attracted by Elma, and numberless little circumstances and acts of courtesy had occurred since which served to strengthen this conviction.

Lord Belvoir became quite a frequent visitor to the Carrington's. He had lately manifested an interest in parochial work, and he had some plans and projects for improving the condition of his tenantry which rendered it desirable that he should hold constant consultations with the vicar concerning the same. Hence he was calling almost daily at the vicarage, where he invariably met Elma, between whom and the vicar's daughter a strong friendship had sprung up. Mrs. Carrington's little cottage was quite close to the vicarage, and Lord Belvoir never failed to call and enquire after the good lady's health. These visits were peculiarly gratifying to Mrs. Carrington, who keenly appreciated the honour, and who was in a little flutter of delight every time his lordship called. And after his departure, woman like, she would weave a little romance, a pleasing fancy in which Elma and Lord Belvoir were ever the prominent figures. She knew it was all a hopeless fancy, a vain delusion—Elma was too loyal to her sailor sweetheart to give even a second thought to the man whose every word and action betrayed to Mrs. Carrington his heart's secret—but hopeless as the dream, vain as the delusion, Mrs. Carrington could not help the luxury of their indulgence. Secretly she regretted now that Arthur Stanleigh and Elma ever met. But regrets were of no avail now. If the girl ever guessed what was in her mother's mind, she gave no sign of the fact, while Mrs. Carrington never hinted to Elma the ideas that had grown up in her breast in connection with Lord Belvoir. She had married for love herself, and Elma should do the same. But it was a pity, nevertheless, that the man who had won her love could not have been Lord Belvoir instead of Arthur Stanleigh. The girl's demeanour was always courteous to his lordship, but her mother knew perfectly well that she did not like him. Indeed, once she had expressed to Mrs. Carrington a positive aversion to Lord Belvoir. And the good lady had listened, sighed, and said nothing.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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NATURAL HISTORY.

SONGSTER.—Appeared to be consumption.

G. H. WILLIAMS.—Many thanks for letter. Am always glad to receive hints. I always recommend a very similar plan.

ANXIOUS.—The small beetles are known as Nipidæ bolleucens, and have been described (on Sept. 6th) in the "Buckland Junior" column.

W. W. STEND.—During winter it is more than likely they will pass a great portion of their time in a state of torpidity, taking but little food. In the warmer weather, however, they will eat worms, small meadows, roach, etc.

SUN.—It is, as you say, difficult. If you obtain a young one no one can say for certain that it will tame, for although some learn readily others will never do so. You might write Mr. J. D. Hamlyn, 2211, St. George's-st., London, E.

APIARY.—Have given a short note on bees in "Buckland Junior" column. I am sorry that I know nothing of any of the firms to which you refer. Before commencing I should advise you to get a practical book on the subject and read it up. Several such books are published by L. Upcott Gill, Drury-lane, W.C.

PICRIC.—As you wish to collect for a commercial purpose I should advise you not to touch it. If you obtain a collection you will experience the greatest difficulty in disposing of it. I do not know of any book on the West African species, but any bookseller will obtain a handbook on collecting and preserving, and costing.

PICKLES.—Should hand to a vet. to destroy. I should hardly call the method you suggest humane. The best way if you really wish to do it yourself is to place the animal into a large air-tight box, into which has been previously placed about 6 drachms of chloroform on a sponge. This will send it into a painless sleep resulting in death. It is a much easier death than with coal gas or prussic acid. Do not take out too soon. I should leave in quite a whole night, otherwise life may return.

W. G. BENTON.—Owing to constant shaking in transit your fish could hardly be distinguished from the liquid. Death may have been caused by fungus—very prevalent among them—but I could not say for certain. How do you feed them? A great many imagine they do not require feeding at all. Best way to place a layer of mud at bottom, covered by a layer of river or well-washed hard sand. In this place American weed, spiked water milfoil, vernal or water starwort, keeping in place by tying a small piece of lead to each spray and pushing into mud. Throw sparingly into the water a little finely crushed vermicelli, a little raw meat, some ants' eggs, and a few garden or water worms.

LOST AND FOUND.

(We cannot undertake to receive answers care of "The People." Inquirers who do not give their own addresses should look for answers under the head of "Found." It is best in all cases for inquirers to append their addresses, so that any replies may go to them direct. Readers are particularly advised not to send money to persons applying in this column until they have definitely ascertained that the applicants are the persons actually sought for.)

MISSING.

HOWELL, WILLIAM.—Farm bailiff; last heard of at Maipas on Feb. 5, 1901. Daughter seeks.

BALLARD, ANNE.—Last heard of 18 months ago, at Sister Seeks.—Mrs. L. Hosford, Rose, Moseley-st., Birmingham.

GOSS, WALTER HERBERT WILLIAM.—Last heard of May 19, 1902, at Vancouver, British Columbia. Sister anxiously inquires.—Miss Goss, 18, Nutbield-rd., Leyton, London, E.

BOLWELL, FREDERICK.—Went away a long time ago and not heard of since. Father and friends long to see him.—Mrs. L. Bodwell, grocer, Lee Common, Great Missenden, Bucks.

PEARS, ARTHUR EDWARD, and wife FLORRIE.—Last heard of at Manor Park 6 years ago. Sister Alice inquires.—Mrs. Maxfield, 6, Heath-rd., West Ham.

SLOMSOTTOM, JAMES WILLIAM.—Cobbler or trade; believed to live in Rochdale, Lancs. Cousin inquires.—Mr. Richard Jackson, 9, Duffus-st., Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

TAYLOR, EDWARD BUSSAY (known as Bob).—Left Bexhill Feb., 1901. Sister inquires. Aunt dying.—Miss Taylor, 22a, Bainbridge-rd., Bow-hill.

BLACKMAN, MARTHA.—Last seen in London in March, 1901. Twin sister inquires.—Nurse Lafford, Malthouse, Ampney Crucis, nr. Cirencester, Glos.

REYNOLDS, ELIZABETH.—Last heard from 12 years ago at Molton Cottage, Yarraville, nr. Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.—Sister Elma inquires.—Miss Rose, 29, New Kent-rd., Walworth, London.

WELLS, HARRY.—Last heard of in January, 1902, from Bishop Auckland; was steward on steamship Papanui, and left her in New Zealand in 1902. Mother and sisters anxious to hear of him.—Mrs. Wells, 151, Stroud Green-rd., London, N.

TALBOT-TURNER, FLORENCE.—Milliner; cast off by her friends (Crowe) and Foster, was employed as millinery shop where an explosion occurred at Southampton-row, Holborn, some years ago. Son Frederick seeks.—Old address, Broadst., Lambeth, S.E.

FEENEY, NELLIE.—Daughter of Mrs. Feeney (wife of Mr. Crowe) and Foster, was employed as Inspection Gas Works between 1899 and 1900. Both dead. Cousin seeks.—Miller, Emcee, 29, Hilton-st., High-st., Kingsland, N.

LORD, FAMILY OF.—Formerly of Rochdale, Lancs, 100 to 150 years ago. Present descendant of Mrs. Mary Anne Stubbersfield (maiden name Lord) inquires.—Mrs. Edward Jackson, 5, Duffus-st., Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

FAULKNER or SKELTON, MRS. (nee Parton).—Husband was employed in pottery before 1870, left New Works, Wellington, Salop, and went abroad about 20 years ago. Niece seeks.—Mrs. Parton Pownall, Junction-rd., Sunningdale, Berks.

LARMACH, JANE CAR...INE (nee Shepherd).—Formerly of Bermondsey, London; last heard of about 9 years ago in U.S.A. Left a widow with two children. Brother Alf. would be glad of news.—J. Shepherd, 114, Lucy-rd., Bermondsey, London, S.E.

FOUND.

TAYLOR, MR. and FAMILY.—I am very thankful for the inquiry you kindly inserted for me, as it was the means of finding my brother and family after missing them since 1903.—Yours faithfully (Mrs.) F. Taylor, 3, Andrew Villas, Uxbridge-rd., East Dulwich.

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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

THE WEEK'S ENTERTAINMENTS.

HIS MAJESTY'S.

"HANNELE."

The "Afternoon Theatre," established under the goodwill and personal direction of Mr. Tree for the purpose of giving practical opportunity for the presentation of new plays from all sources, whether British or foreign, was started on Tuesday with the production in an English version of the German dramatist Hauptmann's play, named after its heroine, "Hannele." The Teutonic author, not content with drawing his characters from ordinary mortals, strains after startling sentimental effects by setting the most brutal and depraved types of humanity in lurid, realistic contrast against ideal incarnations of the Christian religion, representing even its Divine Founder. The Saviour is not only again and again appealed to directly by name as Jesus Christ, repeated with the frequency of a Church service, but is actually personified. It is true that the Incarnation is effected in a dream, but such a device scarcely lessens the sense of the profanity raised at seeing an actor, robed a moment earlier as a parish schoolmaster, suddenly transfigured in shining raiment and posing actually as the Son of God.

The action leading up to this scene passes in the garret of a low lodging-house, tenanted by besotted shrews and a bestial male brute, who, by his blows and curses, drives his step-daughter, poor suffering Hannele, to suicide. Rescued only to be carried home to die, the stricken girl is tended by two kindly neighbours, one a village schoolmaster, the other a Sister of Mercy, who, as the girl sinks into her last sleep and the room darkens with her, suddenly, on light being restored, reappear in beatific vision to the dying Hannele, transfigured respectively, the Sister into an angel of the girl's dead mother, the schoolmaster in the form, radiant with glory of limelight and robe, of Jesus Christ. As the sacred Figure, surrounded by ministering angels, bends over Hannele's body, His voice is heard commanding her soul to heaven with blessings uttered in a homily exceeding in length the Sermon on the Mount. The curtain descends upon this scene in solemn silence, conformably with a special printed request that there should be no applause. Apart from the assumption of Divinity, the final impression left upon—may we say the congregation?—was of a religious service held in a mortuary chapel, and the reverential tone and serious demeanour of the players went far to induce this feeling.

Nothing could exceed the emotional grace and tenderness of Miss Marie Löhr as the hapless Hannele and Mr. Henry Ainley in no less degree imparted a saintly dignity to his portrayal of the Sacred Presence. The Sister of Mercy was a pathetic figure as presented by Miss Marie Lindeen, while the ferocity of the savage step-father lacked no semblance of illusive depravity as enacted by Mr. Edward Sass.

SHAFTESBURY.

"KING RENÉ'S DAUGHTER."

It was a happy thought of Mr. H. B. Irving to supplement his own enduring attraction of "The Lyons Mail," in which in the double impersonation he is seen at his best, with a revival for his wife of the poetic little play, "King René's Daughter." The exquisite personality of the blind Princess Iolanthe, miraculously endued with vision and at the same moment doubly blest with love at first sight by the presence of a gallant young knight affianced to her in childhood, finds an ideal embodiment in Miss Dorothea Baird. In voice, feature, form, and gesture the dreamy maiden, happily unconscious of the missing sense, knowledge of which has been kept from her from birth, is present before us as a blithe and bountiful realisation of the Danish poet's exquisite romance. Mr. Frank Tyars gave a dignified and pathetic portrayal of the Royal father, and the youthful lover was gallantly impersonated by Mr. Gerald Lawrence.

LONDON COLISEUM.

"ADAM THE SECOND."

Among the newcomers at the London Coliseum this week are John Barton and Annie Ashley, who will give a humorous sketch entitled "Adam the Second." The scene is laid on the roof of a castle at the top of the Andean Mountains. A young girl, who has no knowledge of the world, finds a sheet of paper in a palm tree while strolling through the roof garden. It has evidently been put there by a bird when building its nest. On the paper some words are written. The girl has no idea of their meaning, which she sets about unravelling.

A tramp, while walking along a road in England, is suddenly caught by the anchor attached to a balloon, and is carried away until he alights on the roof of the castle, where he meets the girl, who is busy scrutinising the sheet of paper. When they meet the girl naturally asks the tramp if he can help her to solve the mystery, and also if he can tell her anything about the world and its doings. He begins to teach her the art of kissing, which she seems to enjoy greatly, and asks the tramp if he would kindly teach her mother. At this, rather than undergo the trying ordeal, he makes good his escape with the balloon. During the absence of the girl the tramp puts away a table d'hote dinner, which he procures from one of the palm trees, and his antics, we are told, produce much laughter. Other fresh arrivals are the Gems in musical comedy, Howell and Scott, Hebrew comedians, Gus Garrick in impersonations, Argo the clown, and Frederick Villiers, the veteran war correspondent. Evie Green, Carrie de Mar, and Dorothy Grimstone remain in the bill.

QUEEN'S HALL AND ELGAR'S SYMPHONY.

An interesting item of intelligence respecting the concert of the Queen's Hall Orchestra to be given on Friday afternoon, Jan. 1, is that Sir Edward Elgar has consented on that occasion to conduct his new symphony, in A flat (op. 55), for the first time in person. Both at Manchester and in London the work has excited the greatest enthusiasm. Those who were unable to hear the recent performance of the work under Dr. Richter's baton will welcome another opportunity of becoming acquainted with it; while those who were fortunate enough to be present at the first hearing will find renewed interest in comparing the composer's own reading of his masterpiece with that of the illustrious conductor to whom it is dedicated. It should be noted that this New Year's performance does not affect Sir Edward's engagement to conduct the work, as previously arranged, at the Symphony Concert on Saturday, Jan. 16. The rest of the programme, to be directed by Mr. Henry J. Wood, is drawn from the works of Tschaikowsky, and includes the suite "Casse-Noisette," the violin concerto, with Miss Marie Hall as soloist, and the overture, "1812."

NOTES AND NEWS.

THEATRES.

"What Every Woman Knows," the Barrie success at the Duke of York's Theatre, will be transferred to-morrow week to the Hicks Theatre.

Mr. Rbt. Arthur is closing his Kennington Theatre on Saturday next until Boxing Day, when he will re-open with his 11th annual pantomime, "Red Riding Hood."

At the Palace Theatre on Monday evening Miss Ellaline Terriss and Mr. Seymour Hicks will produce and play in Mr Paul Rubens' new sketch, "The Fly-By-Night," a musical aero play with an Aero and Aeroine.

Plans of London theatres, together with much interesting information concerning the various metropolitan places of amusement, will be found in the new edition of "The People" Year Book (1s., post free 1s. 4d.).

Owing to a sudden change in Miss Millard's plans, the production of Mr. Hichen's play, which was to follow "Idols," is indefinitely postponed. This means that Mr. Allan Aynesworth is severing his connection with the Garrick Theatre.

Miss Melba intends presenting the Melbourne Philharmonic Society with a complete set of very costly orchestral instruments at the flat pitch, one has entrusted the making of them to Rudall, Carte and Co., where they are now on view.

Last night Charles Frohman and Arthur Chudleigh brought the run of "Mrs. Dot" to a close. Miss Tempest, who has played continuously for some considerable period, will take a short holiday during the Christmas vacation, and early in January will appear at the Comedy Theatre in the new play by Mr. Somerset Maugham, entitled "Penelope."

Among the list of artists engaged by Mr. Neil Forsyth for the forthcoming Royal Opera season at Covent Garden, no fewer than four are ex-students of the Guildhall School of Music, viz., Miss Marie Alexander, Miss Edith Clegg, Miss Maria Yelland and Mr. D. Byndon Ayres. There are, among the chorus, a numerous band hailing from the great City School.

"The Prince and the Beggar Maid" will be at Fulham this week. This play, from the pen of Mr. Walter Howard, which had a most successful season at the Lyceum Theatre in the earlier months of the year, filling the theatre nightly through the hot summer weather, has been received with much enthusiasm both in the suburbs and in the provinces.

Mr. Robert Arthur's fifth pantomime, "Cinderella," at Fulham, which will be presented on Boxing Day, by arrangement with Messrs. Stevens and Buchanan, and produced by Mr. Stanley Rogers, the well-known pantomime author, promises to eclipse its predecessors, alike in the matter of scenery and spectacular splendour and in the strength of the company.

The North London Operatic Society, who have already successfully produced 12 plays at various theatres in the North of London, will this week, at the Marlborough, present "San Toy." Miss Katherine Craig, who has previously been seen at this theatre in "The Geisha," "The Moon" and "The Orchid," will be San Toy, and Mr. Murray Short, also well-known to Marlborough audiences, will appear in the role of Li.

At the end of Miss Evelyn Millard's occupation of the Garrick, this accomplished actress will migrate with "Idols" to the Criterion, of which theatre she has just secured a lease dating from Feb. 1. It is there, when "The Adventure of Lady Ursula," following "Idols," has completed its second course, transferred to the evening bill, that Miss Millard intends to bring out Mr. Robert Hichen's new comedy.

"Bellamy the Magnificent" having run its rather chequered course at the New Theatre, Sir Chas. Wyndham has told a Press interviewer that he is "quite content to be included for a while among the number of actors resting." But as the rumour runs, our veteran light comedian may probably be seen as a member of a cast at a theatre in a new play to be presented under a management other than his own.

The pantomime at the Elephant and Castle, which is now under the management of Mr. Charles Barnard, will be the "Babes in the Wood," staged and produced by Mr. Lester Collingwood. The "Babes" will be represented by Miss Gracie Mortimer and Miss Hester Reeve (Miss Ada Reeve's sister). One of the attractions in connection with the production will be the Children's Ballet. The pantomime opens on Boxing Day afternoon.

Few would recognise "The Antelope," the Waldorf's musical play, so considerable have been the alterations and improvements since its production on Saturday week. It now plays altogether much "closer," and the songs and comic business for such artists as Mr. Fred Wright, junr., Miss Kitty Gordon, Mr. Fred Emney, Miss Florence Lloyd and Mr. Farren Soutar have been enormously improved. In fact, Miss Gordon's "Marie" song has caught on in such a fashion that it bids fair to become quite the rage.

An additional attraction has been added to the programme of the special matinees to be given at the Criterion Theatre on Friday in aid of the London Poor Children's Boot Fund. A new one-act play in French, by Miss Constance Meredyth, entitled "Notre Edouard," will be produced, and in it Mlle. Jane May, who, is coming specially from Paris, will appear; also M. Felix Gassy (who comes from Paris for the performance), Miss Meredyth and Mr. Paul Berton.

Mr. Arthur Holmes-Gore during the past week has played five different parts in four West-End theatres, making the unusual total of 18 performances in one week, including eight performances at the Playhouse in "The Flag Lieutenant," at the Court Theatre on Sunday and Monday in "Isaac's Wife," and, later, as George Goodwin in "Emily" at the Afternoon Theatre, as King Conchubar in "Deidre" with Mrs. P. Campbell, and Ægisthus in "Electra."

The Duke of York's Theatre has been singularly honoured during last week by visits from Royalties, and it is doubtful whether any other London theatre can show a record of four evening performances out of six given being attended by members of the Royal Family. "What Every Woman Knows" was witnessed on Tuesday night by Princess Louise, on Wednesday by Prince Arthur and Princess Patricia of Connaught, on Thursday by the Queen, Princess Victoria, and the King and Queen of Norway, and on Friday by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Rehearsals are now in full swing for the pantomime at the Crystal Palace Theatre. The opening night will be Christmas Eve. Mr. Bannister Howard has secured a fine cast, and it is said that the scenery and dresses will surpass anything that has yet been seen at the Palace. The aim of the management is to have a good old rollicking play, full of refined and wholesome fun from start to finish. In the centre transept of the Palace, facing the Royal boxes, Mr. Geo. O. Starr is arranging for an old English circus.

Rosie is a pet foxhound of the pack which appears in "Dorothy" at the Broadway next week. Her first appearance, on the production of the famous opera at the Broadway some little time ago, was evidently not a success, and Rosie took it so much to heart that she absconded from the company after treasury on Saturday night and went for a swim in the Thames instead of going to Glasgow, where the company was booked. There she was discovered at midnight by the River Police, after Mr. Hes, the manager, had sent scouts in every direction. Rosie has, however, got over her stage fright now, and plays her part in the famous hunting scene as to the manner born.

Playgoers, whether they be the happy youngsters home for the holidays, or children of a larger growth, will this Yuletide have three West-End pantomimes to choose from, and all old friends, albeit with new faces. "Dick Whittington," at Drury Lane; "Cinderella," at the Adelphi; and "Little Red Riding Hood," at the Lyceum. But these compliments of the season will, as Xmas entertainments, be run hard in popular attraction by the new child's drama, "Pinkie and the Fairies," produced at His Majesty's, and the older favourite, "Peter Pan," revived again at the Duke of York's, not forgetting "Little Lord Fauntleroy" at the Court. For the last named Miss Eva Moore has been engaged to play Mrs. Errol, while the juvenile here, taken in the past by Miss Annie Hughes and Miss Vera Beringer, is to be represented for the first time by a boy, Master Lenton Murray.

An exceedingly strong company has been engaged for the Shakespeare pantomime, "Babes in the Wood." Prominent in this will be Miss Nancy Hearne, already a local favourite, who, as the principal boy, will play Robin Hood, Miss Lena Brickwell, who has just returned from a successful visit to Australia, will be the principal girl, and the Babes are to be presented by Baby Hutt and Dorothy Miller. Mr. Will Harris, a fine comedian new to London, is to play Adolphus, and the Missouris will make no end of fun as the Robbers. The Two Miltons also providing amusement. As the Baron's servant, Nat Clifford is in a principal role and may be relied on for fun. Other prominent artists specially engaged include Miss Eva Colton as Fairy Queen, Mr. Harry Phydora, Jack Denton (one of last year's Ugly Sisters), Glanmore Jones and his famous troupe of Glee Singers, and Miss Mignon Tremaine. The production will take place on Christmas Eve.

VARIETY STAGE.

A new music-hall to be known as the Palace Theatre, will be opened at Watford to-morrow.

"Polly Pickle's Pets" is the title of a musical fantasy which will be seen at the London Coliseum on Dec. 21. All the animal parts are to be taken by men and women.

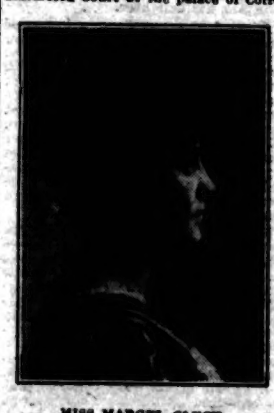
Following her success at the Oxford and her appearance at the Tivoli, where she remains until the New Year, Helen Trix, America's lady whistler at the piano, has been booked by Mr. Oswald Stoll for his entire tour.

From now onwards visitors to the Fun City at Olympia will have an opportunity of securing a Christmas goose or turkey practically free of charge. The latest attraction is a greasy pole, and to those successful in scaling it the management are awarding geese, turkeys and other valuable prizes.

In connection with Miss Winifred Hare's offer of £100 for a song suitable to sing in her forthcoming pantomime engagement, she has received 218 manuscripts. It is understood that Miss Hare will make her final selection by Tuesday of this week, when a cheque for the amount will be sent to the fortunate one.

The Empire Theatre experiment of producing one-act plays has proved so successful in the case of "After the Opera" that there will be presented on Wednesday a new one-act play by Mr. W. J. Locke, called "A Blank Cheque," in which Miss Evelyn D'Alroy and Mr. Charles V. France will appear.

Miss Margel Gluck, the young violinist, who makes her London debut under the ægis of the Duchess of Somerset at the Æolian Hall on Wednesday afternoon next, is a pupil of Sevcik. Miss Gluck made her first appearance last spring in Bucharest, and played, by the special request of the Crown Princess Marie—a niece of King Edward—before the assembled Court at the palace of Cotroceni. The young violinist was selected by Mr. Percy Harrison for the recent Tetrazzini tour.



MISS MARGEL GLUCK.

At the Alhambra the already strong programme will be reinforced to-morrow by the return of Mlle. Leoncz in "Narcisse." It will be remembered that early in the year this accomplished mime and dancer made such a success in "Sal Oh My" that she appeared in the travesty for seven months without a break.

Moss-Stoll Empire attractions include: Hackney, Fred Kitchen in Fred Karno's sketch, "G.P.O." next week; Holloway, Kate Carney and Co. in "The Yiddisher Boy"; Stratford, Courtice and Louie Pounds, and George Leyton and Co.; New Cross, Marie Lloyd; Bush, "Mumming Birds," and Maude Rochez's Monkeys.

Both Fred Karno and Hickory Wood have been responsible for many clever and amusing things, but when they join forces, as in the case of the new sketch, "The Yap-Yaps," produced with triumphant success at the Paragon, they give us something superlatively good. And what is so particularly attractive is the scenic setting. The piece is as well acted as it is brilliantly staged.

The main attraction at the London Hippodrome is Sir Gamille Cave-Browne-Cave, the cowboy baronet, who will introduce a company of cowboys, Texan ronghriders, and Indians, giving a realistic idea of life in the Wild West. There will be an exhibition of roping cattle, of Indians shooting with bows and arrows, Mexicans, clever whip manipulators; cowboys, in acts of horsemanship—in short, a miniature Wild West.

A cake-walk competition will be held in Olympia Annexe on Thursday. The competitors will be judged by a committee of beautiful London actresses. By special request a class for bald-heads has been added to the beauty show for men, which takes place on Friday, Dec. 18. Several bewhiskered persons have expressed a desire to compete for the special prize offered by Mr. Frank Richardson, upon the condition that the recipient agrees to be shaved there and then and signs a pledge never to wear whiskers again.

A quite sensational turn at the Empire is that of Miss Lalla Selbini, whose new cycling pot-pourri has just been added to the programme. The whole of the stage is devoted to her scene, which represents the sea shore at Coney Island, New York. Into this novel set Miss Selbini, who dances before the audience, in a beautiful bathing costume proceeds to give an astonishing exhibition in trick cycling. She is accompanied by her little brother, who is a wonderful comedian, besides being a clever acrobat. The scene concludes by Miss Selbini and her brother taking a dive into the sea.

We are promised many fresh situations in the forthcoming Yuletide production at the Hippodrome. Mr. Barrie seems to have set the fashion in the new form of Christmas entertainment. In "Peter Pan" we had the boy who had lost his shadow; in Mr. Bolloay Kiraffy's Hippodrome spectacle, produced in conjunction with Mr. Frank Parker we have the boy who wants "to-morrow" to be "to-day," and his adventures are set forth in some elaborate scenes, embracing "The Land of Happy-ever-after," "The Land where Snowflake Never Melts," and "A New Year's Pyte." We give a photograph of Miss May Hillery, who supports the character of Fairy Snowflake, a very important figure in the forthcoming show.

MISS MAY HILLERY.

BEAUTY COMPETITION.

NEWCASTLE GIRL WINS THE FIRST PRIZE.

Nearly 500 competitors entered for the great beauty show at Earl's Court, and the first prize fell to a Newcastle girl, who is still in her teens. The number of entrants had been narrowed down to 45, and these appeared on the final night before a good-sized audience in the Empress Hall. Most of the 45 were English, but there were besides 2 American, 2 Scotch, 3 Belgian, 1 Austrian, 1 Irish, and 1 Australian. The young lady from the North, a typical English girl, with fair hair and rosy cheeks, won the first prize from the more regular and more mature beauty of a blonde from California, who took the second prize, and from a vivacious brunette from West London, who won the third prize. The names of the winners are: 1, Miss Agnes Mewse, Newcastle; 2, Miss Hazel Fulford, San Francisco; 3, Miss Winifred Merrick, West Ealing. The value of the prizes was £50, £15, and £5 respectively. Miss Mewse has previously been successful at Gateshead and Sunderland beauty competitions. She has been engaged to appear at a Newcastle music hall, where she will sing "Come on the Rink."

MISS AGNES MEWSE, WINNER OF FIRST PRIZE.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY.

It is officially announced that the authorities of University College, as part of the scheme to establish a University for the West of England, have purchased the Blind Asylum and its land which adjoins University College. The Blind Asylum, which was established in 1793, is to be removed to the quiet suburb of Westbury-on-Trym. Its fine Gothic building, which was opened in 1838, is a familiar landmark at the top of Park-st., on the way from the city to Clifton. The site will be utilised for the erection of part of the proposed University.

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A STAGE TRAGEDY.

HERO MURDERED IN SIGHT OF AUDIENCE.

Austrian and Russian newspapers record, with sensational headlines, an extraordinary tragedy of the stage which has just taken place at the Imperial Theatre at Novgorod. The heroine of the play—a handsome married woman, named Ludmilla Ragoskin—was in real life pestered by the leading man, an actor named Krasnoff, for whom she had an intense aversion. On Thursday, it seems, just before the evening performance, at which the governor of the city was to be present, Krasnoff made yet another love avowal to Mme. Ragoskin, who repulsed him, warning him against being too affectionate during the love passages which were shortly to take place between them on the stage. Carried away by his feelings, however, Krasnoff kissed Mme. Ragoskin again and again, much to the audience's delight and to the heroine's disgust. In the interval, Ludmilla, with flaming eyes and heaving bosom, demanded an explanation. "I so lost myself," replied Krasnoff, "that I forgot I was on the stage, and acted as my heart dictated." In the last act it was Ludmilla's part to stab her lover with a property hatpin, but, to the horror of all present, Krasnoff, instead of falling gracefully on the stage, crashed with a hideous yell among the footlights. As the woman bent over him with a look of mockery the unhappy man cried, "Why did you do it, Ludmilla?" "I so lost myself," replied Mme. Ragoskin, "that I forgot I was on the stage, and acted as my heart dictated." The actress is now lying in the Alexander Prison, where 14 executions, mostly of political offenders, have taken place during the past week.

MME. RAGOSKIN.

M. KRASNOFF.

OLD ACTOR'S DEATH.

RECITED SHAKESPERE WHILE UNDER TREATMENT.

An old actor, Mr. Edwin Jas. Shepherd, who will be remembered by playgoers of a generation and more ago, has met with his death by falling down the stairs at his lodging at Lamb's Conduit-st., Holborn. Forty years since he played at the old Grecian Theatre, in the City-rd., and was a popular "villain" in the pieces produced there. With Jefferson and Mrs. Billington he had trodden the Adelphi boards in "Rip Van Winkle," taking the part of the second husband of Rip's wife. Among others with whom his stage career was associated were Irving, Toole, Herman Vezin, Mrs. Kendal, and the Young family. Long years ago he toured through Australia, impersonating William in "Black-Eyed Susan," and was very successful there. A reminiscence of his early days was his appearance with Creswick at the Surrey Theatre, when it was run by Creswick and Shepherd (his own brother). The old actor stood 6ft. 2in. in height and made a striking figure. At the inquest Dr. Wm. Gould stated that, despite a rupture of a ligament in the neck and serious injury, the old gentleman survived two days, and while under treatment he recited passages of Shakespere with dramatic effect. Death was due to paralysis, brought on by the fall, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

THE ROAD HOG.

A horseman named Bye, of Maunden, Essex, was run into by a motor-car at Harlow, resulting in his skull being fractured. The occupants of the car drove on, and Bye was found lying unconscious by another car, in which he was conveyed to Bishop's Stortford Hospital. His condition is hopeless. The police have ascertained the ownership of the car which caused the mischief.

DOWNFALL THROUGH DRINK.

The sequel to a man's downfall through drink was heard at Bristol yesterday, when Mrs. Newport appeared to ask for a separation from her husband. She had been married for 30 years. Her husband, who was formerly chief clerk to the official receiver, and lessee of the Empire Music Hall, was stated to have drunk a quart of whisky in an hour.

CONTRADICTIONS.

CURIOUS AFFAIR IN THE EARLY MORNING.

Dudley Stevens, 34, a draughtsman, surrendered to his bail at Lambeth further to answer the charge of being concerned with another man not in custody in feloniously attempting to rob Constance McCalla and assaulting that lady.—Prosecutrix, a music-hall artist, alleged that about half-past one o'clock on the morning of the 2nd inst. she was walking along Brixton-rd. in company with a friend (a coloured gentleman named Bushra), when prisoner snatched at her handbag. She held on to the bag, and he then smacked her in the face and a man who was with him struck her friend. The men got away, but prisoner was afterwards brought back by the police and she recognised him. — Cross-examined, prosecutrix said something was said by the second man about "a nigger." It was about an hour afterwards before she saw prisoner again. Neither she nor her friend injured prisoner's leg (prisoner walked into court with evident difficulty). There was not a row.

Retaliation.

—Mr. Harold Bushra, a medical student, said he was walking along Brixton-rd. with prosecutrix, when prisoner and another man approached them from the opposite direction. Prisoner suddenly snatched at the lady's bag, and the other man struck witness in the mouth. He retaliated by knocking the man down, and then went after prisoner.—Cross-examined, witness said the first thing that attracted his attention was the young lady exclaiming, "What are you doing with my bag?" The second man swore, and said something about a nigger. The man had already struck him when he said that. Of course he could do nothing but defend himself.—Mr. Sydney: Did you strike this man at all? I struck both of them because they were both making for me.—And kicked? I did not kick. I used my fists.

The Whole Point of the Case.

—P.C. James stated that shortly before three o'clock in the morning of the 2nd inst. he found prisoner lying on the footway in Holland-st. When asked what was the matter he said he had been assaulted and robbed by a black man, accompanied by a lady. As they were proceeding along the Brixton-rd. prosecutrix and Mr. Bushra came up, and prisoner said, "That's the man." Prosecutrix exclaimed, "Why, that's one of the men that assaulted me and snatched my purse." Prisoner made no reply when charged, but when he was being put in the cell he said, "You are not going to believe that, are you? You know what they are. I have no occasion to rob."—Addressing the court for the defence Mr. Sydney said prisoner was a most respectable man.—Det. Jones confirmed that statement.—Mr. Sydney added that prisoner's knee had been very seriously injured.—Mr. Hopkins (to prisoner): The whole point in this case is whether or not you intended to rob. I don't think you did at all, and you will be discharged.

"THE PEOPLE YEAR BOOK."

A MARVELLOUS LIBRARY FOR A SHILLING.

One of the most useful annuals published is "The People Year Book." The new edition, which has just made its appearance, is now on sale, and can be obtained through any newsagent for 1s., or direct from the offices of "The People," Milford-lane, Strand, for 1s. 2d. The work, containing as it does reliable information on thousands of subjects, should find a place in every home, and is the most complete family encyclopædia issued. A summary of the principal contents of the Year Book will be found in our advertising columns, and readers would be well advised to secure their copies early, for the edition is limited and will not be reprinted.

CHARITY MATINEE.

In response to the recent urgent appeal for funds by the President of the Royal Ear Hospital, Dean-st., Lady Constance Hatch is organising an influential committee with a view to promoting a matinée. Mr. Tom B. Davis has kindly offered the use of the Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury-avenue, and has promised to do everything possible to make the occasion a memorable one.

After 18 years' absence abroad the 1st Bedfordshire Regt. arrives in England at the end of the month and goes to Colchester.

RAILWAY EXCURSIONS.

HOW TO GET HOME FOR THE XMAS HOLIDAYS.

Christmas at home is essentially an English institution, and in these days of cheap and comfortable travel the icy blast should not deter any who may wish to complete the family circle on this festive occasion. The many railway companies always run special excursions for the occasion, and this year the number has been, if anything, increased. Particulars will be found on page 16.

The Great Western announce excursions from Paddington station to Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, the Scilly Isles, South Wales, Ireland via Fishguard, the Midlands, North Wales, Channel Islands, Brittany, etc., etc., which will enable those who have relatives residing in any of these districts, to visit them with speed, comfort and cheapness. Full information can be obtained, together with a special Christmas Excursion Programme, from any G.W. office.

The Great Northern, in arranging for the requirements of holiday makers, have considerably extended their usual list. Excursions will be run to all the principal stations in the north-eastern district and Scotland on Dec. 24th and 31st for 4, 5, or 18 days, whilst a special midnight excursion will also be run for 2, 3, or 4 days to the principal stations in the West Riding district on Dec. 24th. Excursion programmes can be obtained at any Great Northern station.

A glance through the announcements of the London and North Western Co. in connection with the Christmas and New Year holidays shows how complete are the arrangements for those desirous of travelling at cheap fares to spend the vacation with friends in Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, and other provincial towns.

Those journeying home to the West Country will doubtless appreciate the special facilities provided by the London and South Western to obviate waste of time before starting. Express corridor dining-car trains will leave Waterloo on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 7.0 p.m. for Exeter and North Cornwall stations; and at 7.25 p.m. for Exeter, Plymouth, Ilfracombe and North Devon stations.

The South Eastern and Chatham have arranged special return tickets for the use of travellers wishing to spend Christmas at Cannes, Nice, Monte Carlo, Paris, etc. The whole of Kent and parts of Surrey and Sussex are well covered in the list of excursions issued by the company, and obtainable from any of the stations on the line.

The Great Central have made extensive arrangements for the running of express trains (with buffet car accommodation at cheap fares) from Marylebone to over 300 of the principal towns and holiday resorts in the Midlands, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, and the general districts of the North.

Special midnight trains will be run by the Great Eastern to all the principal stations on their extensive system. Full details may be obtained from the Superintendent of the Line at Liverpool-st.

The London, Brighton and South Coast have made their usual arrangements for those desirous of spending Christmas on the sunny South Coast.

The National Sunday League will run special excursions as Christmastide in connection with their usual Sunday trips.

Restall's Regular Trips to the seaside are announced among the railway advertisements on page 16.

THE BOOKMAN.

"Whitaker's Almanack" for 1909 has arrived on the scene from 12, Warwick-lane. All the old features of the admirably edited compilation remain, and in addition there are to be found new articles on the Land and Sea Forces of the Crown, the Radio-Telegraphic Convention, the new Patent Law, and the Old Age Pension Regulations. The progress of the motor industry in the British Isles is also chronicled. Altogether "Whitaker" is evidently looked after by an editor with a keen eye for the sort of information that should be included in a work for general reference. If we may make a suggestion, it is that the list of ex-Cabinet Ministers who enjoy pensions should be given, since it is a matter on which much curiosity exists.

"The Sporting Life Companion" for 1909 is a capital little twopenn'orth. It gives the records on every conceivable kind of race, game, and athletic pursuit, and they are so clearly set forth as to be readable at a glance. The sections devoted to the Ring and Boxing are particularly well done, and it is difficult to imagine how so much information has been compressed into such a small space.

We will not attempt a comparison between "The Daily Mail Year Book" for next year and our own. Enough that the "little red book" that comes out of Carmelite-st. under the editorship of Mr. Percy L. Parker is an exceedingly well-arranged and complete publication. Among the topics competently handled are Unemployment, Tariff Reform, Women's Suffrage, the Turbine, and Zululand. Those who want to get small holdings can discover how to do so from the "little red book." In a word, this production is what Carmelite-st. would call "brainy."

Workers for the Unionist Party will welcome the appearance of the "Salisbury" Pocket-Book and Diary, for the new issue contains a rare amount of political "powder and shot," which will stand canvassers and speakers in good stead. The topics dealt with are Tariff Reform, Home Rule, the House of Lords, Disestablishment, and the Army and Navy. The book is published by the A.C.C., St. Stephen's Chambers, Westminster, price 6d., post free 7d., and is of a size which enables it to be readily carried in the waistcoat pocket.

"From Information Received"

and that information be it said, not at all difficult to obtain, there is an overwhelming testimony in favour of Beecham's Pills. Nor is this at all surprising. Consider the long period during which the medicine has served the public, think of the countless thousands that the pills have benefitted, remember that a sense of thankfulness does not often remain unexpressed, and you will realise that from "information received" it can confidently be stated that there is no other preparation equal to

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MORE TAXES.

PREMIER'S ATTACK ON THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

NO DISSOLUTION.

The Prime Minister was entertained by a few select friends and admirers at the National Liberal Club on Friday night in recognition of his services in connection with the Licensing Bill. In the course of his speech Mr. Asquith delivered an attack on the House of Lords. The present system he said enabled the leader of the party which had been defeated and repudiated b ythe electorate to determine, through the House of Lords, what should and should not be the legislation of the country. Was that state of things to continue? He said it must be brought to an end; and he invited the Radical party to regard the veto of the House of Lords as the dominating issue in politics. He proceeded to contend that the idea that the adverse decision of the Upper House ought to be met by a dissolution of Parliament was historically untenable, and, from a practical point of view, immeasurably absurd. The Government would not create such a precedent.

A Discreet Silence.

If you ask me, said Mr. Asquith, what is going to be in the King's Speech next February, I can at this stage, of course, only give a negative answer. One or two things I will say to those who urge that we should content ourselves with a colourless programme, and with what are called non-controversial measures, certain to pass the Commons, and not likely to offend the susceptibilities of the Lords. Of that I have nothing to say. If there be such, I say such views i ftaken by the Liberal party would be a confession of humiliation. There is one subject which clearly and inevitably must absorb a large part of the time of the coming session—that is, finance. Trade has been bad, though I hope and believe there are on the horizon signs of improvement. But trade and restricted employment, curtailment of consumption, inelastic revenue under some heads, dwindling revenue under other heads, have been necessarily and largely swollen by the provision which Parliament has this year sanctioned for old-age pensions. The task which lies before the Chancellor of the Exchequer is one of the most severe that has ever fallen to the incumbent of his office.

The Next Budget.

It is not for me to-night to suggest, or even guess at, the source from which he will seek to satisfy his requirements. That he will prove equal to the burden that is laid upon him I entertain no doubt. One thing is certain—the Budget of next year will stand at the very centre of our work. I was going to say that by itwe should stand or fall, but by it we shall be judged, both by the present generation and by posterity. Without foreseeing any of its provisions or details, it will and must raise again in the acutest form the controversy from which we do not shrink—the controversy which we welcome—namely, whether the admitted and growing needs of a policy of social reform are to be provided by the finance of Free Trade or by turning our backs on the experience of 60 years and returning to the alluring and impoverishing fallacies of Protection.

A HUGE DEFICIT.

CHANCELLOR TO FIND NEARLY 20 MILLIONS STERLING.

It is understood that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will be called upon to find something like 20 millions sterling, and in Parliamentary circles it is stated that the following will be the salient features in next year's Budget:—

1. Taxation of land values.
2. Substantial increase of the license duties.
3. Super-tax on large incomes.
4. Increase of the death duties on large estates.

It is reported that the duties on spirits and beer also will be raised; but although spirits may be touched, it is doubted in well-informed quarters whether beer will be. For the taxation of land values there is a widespread demand in the ranks of the Radical party, while an increase of the license duties has been more than ever certain since the defeat of the Licensing Bill.

LABOUR M.P.s' SALARIES.

TRADE UNIONISTS TO APPEAL TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

The Executive Committee of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants have come to a unanimous decision to appeal to the House of Lords against the recent decision rendering illegal the payment of Labour M.P.s from trade union funds. It was pointed out by Mr. R. Bell, M.P., that the decision of the Court of Appeal might be viewed at present with a certain amount of equanimity, inasmuch as the payment to Labour members of Parliament was made yearly—at Midsummer—and would, therefore, not be again due for six months. Counsel who had been consulted strongly advised further action, and he was confident that the substantive right of trade unions to allocate money for the payment of Parliamentary representatives would be upheld in the highest Court of Judicature. Action, he said, would be taken forthwith.

WELSH MINERS' ACTION.

As an outcome of the decision of the Court of Appeal, Welsh miners who hold Unionist views have decided to issue a claim against the South Wales Federation for the return of all money paid by them in support of the miners' M.P.s. The action will take the form of a test case, and it is estimated that a sum of over £8,000 is involved. The South Wales Miners' Federation has a membership of about 140,000, and of these it is estimated that 40,000 at least are opposed to Socialism, and consequently disagree with the policy approved by the miners' M.P.s, to whose support they have been compelled to contribute.

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CALL TO ARMS.

MORE READERS' VIEWS ON "PATRIOT'S" PROPOSALS.

From all parts of the United Kingdom letters continue to reach us concerning the proposals for National Defence, set forth by "Patriot" in "The People."

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the correspondence is the almost unanimous hope expressed that in the near future some system of compulsory training of the youths of this country will be insisted upon—a training which will not interfere to any marked extent with their business, but which will enable them to handle a rifle and prove themselves of service in various directions, should we be called upon to defend our shores.

TRAINED SOLDIER THE BEST.

Here is an opportunity for the Government to make up for some of its misdeeds Form an army of the pensioners and past Reservists up to the age of 60. Queen Victoria did not appeal in vain to her old soldiers during the South African War. During the time I was serving with the Royal Reserve Regiment of Dragoon Guards in Ireland I made an application on behalf of 80 per cent. of the regiment to serve in the Yeomanry then called for. The reply I received from the authorities was that young men were required.

RODT. RODGER, Late R.A.M. Corps.

THE WORKING MAN TO BLAME.

I entirely disagree with "A Working Man," who blames the "apathy" of the middle and upper classes for our miserably inadequate Army. My experience has been all the other way, and it embraces the working man in large and small towns, in the country, and in mining districts. The working man is the stumbling-block all through. It is the working man and his wife who regard it as a disgrace for their sons to enter the Army. There are thousands of middle and upper class youths who, if everybody else would do likewise—the crux of the whole question—would be proud and glad to give up six, 12, or 18 months of their lives to a modified form of conscription.—H. GASKELL, M.B., Ch.B.

INSUFFICIENT PAY.

All men should learn to use a weapon, and there are thousands of men who would be only too glad to join the Territorial Forces if the Government would pay their wives an allowance when they go to camp. It is a very small sum to pay—only 1s. 1d. a day for 14 days out of 365, and a working man cannot join and be compelled to go for training for 14 days or eight days for the sum of 1s. 2½d. a day and no wife allowance, which means that he has no money to draw when he comes back from camp. W. BROOKER.

THE MAN AND NOT THE TITLE.

If we have to resort to compulsory service every man whatever his rank or station (outside the Blood Royal), should shoulder a rifle as a private soldier and serve at least three years in the ranks before being allowed to become an officer. He should gain his commission just as the poorest man should have to do, and under the same conditions. No man should become an officer before he is 25 years of age, for it is the man and not the title that the soldier likes. WILLIAM JEFFS.

OUR GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

A great responsibility lies upon the Government, but a greater one lies upon the people themselves to compel the Government to take action. If we have the grit in us which impelled our forefathers to build up the greatest Empire the world has known, we shall succeed; but if we have lost that pluck and energy, we shall deserve and earn the name of Empire-smashers instead of Empire-builders. If we retain the old spirit, however, we shall no longer permit this Government of self-seeking sycophants, Socialists, Pecksniffs, and poltroons, each with his own axe to grind at the expense of the Empire, to betray us to the alien foe by continuing the policy of "letting things slide" and "trussing to luck" for the lives, liberties, and security of ourselves and our country. If we are worthy of remaining a nation, we must rule our rulers. In the old days, I fancy, a little salutary hanging would have been resorted to as an example to the others.

T. W. STONELAAB.

PREPARE THE RIFLEMEN.

Make the rifle clubs something. Let the members feel they are not wasting time and money, but are a part of the defence of the Empire. Give each a rifle and 500 rounds to produce for inspection once a month. Give him his orders where to go in the event of invasion. He will find his dinner somewhere, and you will soon have the 1,000,000 men; and that bogey, Conscription, will for ever disappear.

A RIFLEMAN.

THE OLD BRIGADE.

It will be well for the country to an once recognise the fact that some 200,000 ex-Volunteers can with but "little encouragement" from the Government be "at once" enrolled. This third line of land defence would be advantageous in every way—an encouragement to the Territorials. We could have shooting and perhaps drill competitions with them, too, just to let them see what the "Old Brigade" can do.

ARTHUR COKE,
Late Captain, 1st V.B.R.F.

THE SILENT INVASION.

While agreeing that it would be a splendid idea for all the young men, rich and poor alike, of this nation to receive a good and efficient military training both in shooting and riding, I certainly must say that what is most required at this present moment is something of far more national importance, and that is employment, and a fair chance of a living being obtained by British workmen of all trades and callings, whether clerks, mechanics, or farm workers. Besides, has there not been an invasion going on in this country unchecked for years, whereby foreigners from all parts have been causing wages to be reduced, the labour market to be overcrowded, and various other evils from which men like Lord Roberts, Lord Rothschild, Lord Rosebery, the Duke of Westminster, etc., do not in the least suffer? So you see that it is all very well to talk about an armed invasion, but nothing is said about the silent invasion which has been and is doing so much harm to the British workpeople who cannot help themselves.

J. W. DANIEL.

GIVE SHOP ASSISTANTS A CHANCE.

It behoves every Britisher to do his utmost to put the country in a state of security. Much can be done by voluntary effort; too much, indeed, has been said in favour of Conscription, whilst not one word to give the young manhood an opportunity to join the Territorial Forces. I refer to the thousands of young men to-day employed in shops, such as grocers,' drapers', and ironmongers' apprentices and assistants, physically fit, who through the want of an Act of Parliament making Saturday the half holiday, instead of the middle of the week, when theTerritorials hold their drills, shoots, and field day, are debarred the privilege of joining the citizen army. I claim it to be unfair to charge these youths with apathy. Give them the opportunity, make Saturday the compulsory half-day closing, and I am convinced there will be no need for Conscription in dear old England.

A DEVON DRAPER.

FALLING TRADE.

ENORMOUS LOSS IN ONE YEAR.

There was another large falling off in the foreign trade of the United Kingdom during the month of November, and the total loss during the year is now within under a million of £100,000,000. The month's figures are:—

	Nov. 1903.	Nov. 1902.	Decline.
Imports	£40,045,291	£37,145,943	£2,237,648
Exports (British)	£9,167,615	£8,966,178	£714,763

Thus the loss of trade for the month has aggregated £13,952,411. The figures for the 11 months now complete are as follow:—

	1903.	1902.	Decline.
Imports	£385,671,119	£369,910,523	£15,760,596
Exports (British)	267,818,676	255,462,990	12,355,687
Total	£694,189,121	£625,373,513	£28,115,616

Imports and Exports.

The bulk of the decline during November was represented by £4,740,322 fall in the imports of raw materials, and £5,028,502 the exports of manufactured articles. The loss during the 11 months was chiefly accounted for as follows:—

	Decline.
Imports—Food, etc.	£3,966,216
Raw materials	11,794,380
Exports—Manufactured articles	11,450,189

It is significant that not only has the increase during 1907 been entirely wiped ont so far as imports are concerned, but the decline in exports has brought the total to within £3,000,000 of the total for the 11 months of 1906.

PREMIER'S SURVEY.

SEVERAL BILLS TO BE ABANDONED.

The Prime Minister has made his promised statement in the House of Commons on the measures to be pushed through before the end of the Session, and those which the Government intend to drop. The Bills of the two classes may be tabulated as follows:—

PRINCIPAL BILLS TO BE PASSED.

Children.
Scottish Education.
Prevention of Crime.
Housing of Working Classes (Ireland).
Port of London.
Miners' Eight Hours.

MINOR BILLS TO GO THROUGH.

East India Loans.
Summary Jurisdiction (Scotland).
Local Government (Scotland).
Crofters Commons.
Hop Substitutes.
Appellate Jurisdiction.
Lunacy.
Post Office Consolidation.
Companies Consolidation.
Poisons and Pharmacy.
Statute Law Revision.
White Phosphorus.
Provisional Orders Procedure.
P.O. Savings Bank.
Commons.
Criminal Appeal Amendment.
Constabulary (Ireland).
Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland).
Ferries (Ireland).
Law of Murder Amendment.

The two last-named are private Members' Bills, and will be dropped if there is not general agreement on them. The Hop Substitutes Bill will also be dropped if not generally agreed to.

BILLS ABANDONED.

Irish Land.
Trawling in Prohibited Areas.
Housing and Town Planning.
Local Government (Ireland).
Contempt of Court.
County Council.
Licensing Consolidation.
Election of Aldermen.
London Paving Expenses.

HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING.

The Housing and Town Planning Bill is to be abandoned for this session, but re-introduced at the earliest possible moment next session, so that the House of Lords may have the opportunity of giving it full consideration.

GETTING READY.

TARIFF REFORM BUDGET OUTLINED.

NO DEARER LIVING.

How the Tariff Reform policy will be given effect to when the Unionists return to office was outlined by Mr. Geo. Wyndham, in a speech delivered at Liverpool. He declared that the first Unionist Budget would include

A two shilling duty on wheat, with a preference to Canada.

No duty on wool.

A small duty on wood.

Nobody, said Mr. Wyndham, seriously contends now that a two shilling duty on wheat with a preference to British possessions would increase the price of bread. The shilling without a preference was followed by a decrease. Two shillings with a preference would lead to the same result. Mr. Asquith declared, "You cannot do justice between the Colonies unless you tax raw material," and said that he had received no answer. Let me give the answer again: No one of the sister States has asked for this from the Mother-country or from any other of the sister States. Mr. Asquith exclaimed, "What about corn, meat, wool, and wood?" I have told you about corn. Our arguments in respect of meat are of greater force in view of the large home productions and the illimitable supply that can be derived from the rest of the Empire. In respect of wool, we should certainly not impose any duty, because 142,000,000lb. came from foreign countries and 622,000,000lb. from British possessions. As for wood it is quite unnecessary to place a duty on wood in order to obtain a preference from Canada. That can be done by the two shillings on wheat, but, in view of the fact that we import £27,000,000 worth of wood and timber each year, I throw it out for consideration that we could add to our revenue and encourage afforestation by a duty so low that it would not add to the cost of the timber props which we need for our mines.

No Dearer Living.

Such duties would not increase the cost of living or the cost of production in this country. They would yield a revenue, and give our manufacturers a preference in all the markets of the Empire. We are told that the professional man, the doctor, and the barrister, has nothing to gain from this change My answer is that in the absence of this change he will suffer more than any other from the piling up of direct taxation and of municipal rates. Last of all we are urged by Mr. Asquith not to strike a blow at our predominance as bankers and brokers. That is the crux. Bankers and brokers are misguided in their own interests. I am not prepared to deny that we, as bankers and brokers, make large profits as commission agents on an overseas trade of £100,000,000 a year, but no nation can exist by banking, and, moreover, when the capital is going abroad, when too large a portion of the nation are clerks on office stools, and far too large a portion of human waifs are set to unproductive tasks, then no business is more surely threatened with destruction than that of banking and broking.

The Tariff Commission has for the last five years been considering the framing of a scientific tariff. An enormous amount of evidence has been taken from representatives of every important trade in the country and carefully collated. The result of this work is that all the material necessary for the framing of a scientific tariff is ready at hand, carefully collated and scheduled.

ELECTION ECHO.

A RADICAL'S STRANGE ADMISSIONS.

Extraordinary revelations regarding the breaking up of the Liberal meeting at Ingatestone on Nov. 25 during the Mid-Essex election were made in the Shire Hall at Chelmsford. The occasion was the hearing of the summonses against Fdk. Coverdale, jun., a Brentwood land agent, and Wm. Petre, a relative of Lord Petre, for assault on Jas. Martin, Radical agent for the Woodbridge Division of Suffolk, and sub-agent for the Ingatestone district during the recent election. Both defendants pleaded not guilty. Summonses against Martin and Arthur T. Hasleton—an Ingatestone grocer's assistant—for assault on Joseph Landon, son of a Brentwood solicitor, at the same meeting, were also down for hearing. In view of an objection by counsel for the prosecution the magistrates decided to take the cases separately. Both sides had obtained the assistance of counsel, the prosecution being in the hands of Mr. Wm. Allen and Mr. F. J. Wrottesley, while Mr. Ernest E. Wild appeared for the defence.

No Political Animus.

—Mr. Allen, in opening the case for Mr. Martin, declared there was no political animus in the prosecution. Describing the events of the Ingatestone meeting, Mr. Allen declared that Mr. Martin was standing at the door of the main hall when a number of well-dressed young men came and demanded admittance. "This is a public meeting," they said, "and we wish to come in." Mr. Martin replied that the hall was full. "They took no notice," said Mr. Allen, "and Coverdale, who seemed to be the leader, kicked at the unopened half of the door and endeavoured to open it. Eventually the men rushed tumultuously in, pushing Mr. Martin aside. A few minutes later, when Mr. Martin was walking up the centre of the hall in the direction of the platform, he was seized by a number of young fellows, of whom Mr. Coverdale and Mr. William Petre are alleged to be two, carried to the door of the hall, and flung on the brick floor of the lobby.

"It was a Lie."

—The first witness called for the prosecution was Mr. Martin. Mr. Wild submitted him to a searching cross-examination. "I cannot identify the persons who caught hold of me," Mr. Martin admitted.—"Did you tell the men at the door that the reason you could not admit them was that the hall was full?" asked Mr. Wild.—"Yes," was the reply.—Was it full? No.—Then your statement was a lie? Yes.—After leaving the hall Mr. Martin admitted that he went up to Sergt. Wilmer and said he thought his arm was broken.—"Was it broken?" Mr. Wild asked.—"No," was the reply.—"Do you know that one Liberal evening paper in London actually killed you?"—"Yes, I did hear of it," said Mr. Martin with a smile.—Did you also read about your being carried away on a stretcher? Yes.—"That was all put up for political propaganda," said Mr. Wild insinuatingly.—"I admit," replied Mr. Martin, "that my injuries were exaggerated."—Mr. Wild then read extracts from a speech by Mr. Deece at Writtle, stating that he had just heard Mr. Martin's condition was much worse, and that three doctors had been called in.—The Bench unanimously dismissed the case. The summonses against Martin and Haselton for assaulting Joseph Landon were withdrawn.

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THE WEEK AT WESTMINSTER.

The Chief Mourner.

"Who'll be chief mourner? I said the Premier, because I am eloquent," etc. And eloquent he certainly was. The fifth education god-child dead, who could better do the weeping? Mr. Runciman, the putative father, might have tried, but he has no tears in his voice however much he might feel the loss of his first legislative child, he is of the stern kind, and might be more disposed to chide it for dying than weep at its departure. Not so Mr. Asquith, who genuinely grieved that the latest attempt to bring to vigorous life an education compromise had come to naught quite moved the House with the feeling he displayed. He might have adopted another tone and have tried in party fashion to find a scape-goat. But he knew better than that, and so while praising generously Churchman and Nonconformist, "the great Archbishop" for his courage the "strenuous patient, considerate, indomitable efforts" of the President of the Board of Education, and so on, admitted that in a long political life he had never suffered a heavier disappointment.

Mr. Balfour made it plain that in his opinion the loss of the bill was due to the diplomatic errors of the Government who had talked about an agreed bill before one of the parties to the compact—the Church—even knew, quite apart from accepting, what the financial proposals of the scheme were to be. The House seemed so affected by Mr. Asquith's oration that, even after the cold douche of common sense which Mr. Balfour applied, no one felt disposed to say another word. And so the bill was silently buried.

Detention and the Criminal.

With the Education Bill safely out of the way, the Government have been able to push on with other measures, and, as the week progressed, there was further evidence of that legislating in a hurry which throws on the House of Lords the duty of more leisurely and deliberate consideration. Before dinner time on Monday the House was concerned with the Prevention of Crime Bill, which in the end was read a third time without a division. Mr. Gladstone, to meet certain criticisms, agreed that the court should only have power to sentence a "hardened criminal to five years' detention, as a minimum after doing his time, and ten years' as a maximum. Some members urged that penal servitude should not be a condition precedent to reformative detention, but it was argued on the other hand that a man should not be sent red hot from the commission of crime to consort with prisoners who might be on the road to reformation. The Act, I may add, is not to come into operation until August of next year. The remainder of Monday was taken up with the East Indian Loans Bill giving power to borrow 25 millions for railways in India. Advanced Radicals protested that they should first know the proposals for Reform, and Sir Chas. Dilke strongly condemned strategic railways.

The Irish Land Bill.

In the House of Lords on Tuesday Lord Crewe, on behalf of the Government, indicated a willingness to introduce a measure amending the Accession oath so far as its terms are needlessly offensive to Roman Catholics, while in the Commons Mr. Wyndham moved the rejection of the Irish Land Bill. He made a powerful speech, pointing out that the measure threw fresh obstacles in the way of the sale of holdings to their occupiers, and increased the responsibility on the British Exchequer without conferring any corresponding benefit on tenants or owners. The humour of the situation was that, while at midnight Mr. Birrell was talking in defence of his measure, the following afternoon Mr. Asquith announced that it had been dropped.

Winding-up the Session.

There was a big House for the "massacre of the innocents." The bills to be preserved, in addition to 26 others to be rushed through by next Friday, were: The Children Bill, the Scottish Education Bill, the Prevention of Crime Bill, the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill, the Port of London Bill, and the Coal Mines (Eight Hours) Bill. Of course the Irish were sick at the dropping of the Land Bill, and Mr. Burns looked glum at the loss of his Town Planning Bill, to be revived, however, early next session. Mr. Asquith talked of proroguing by next Friday, but Mr. Balfour declared the task to be clearly impossible, and went on to point the moral of autumn sittings. They were injurious to the working of the administrative and legislative machinery. The Government did not bring its bills before the House in a proper shape, nor was time given in discussion to remould them.

Mines (Eight Hours) Bill.

Practically the whole of the remaining days of the week were devoted to the Coal Mines (Eight Hours) Bill, a measure which is not only certain to raise the price of coal to the consumer, but will also inflict grave inequalities between miner and miner. On Wednesday the House sat far into the night, and it was evident from the debate that opposition came as much from the Radical side as from the Opposition. This attitude was revealed again on Thursday, when an attempt was made from the Ministerial benches to limit the eight hours' day to the time a man actually spent "in his working place" in the mine. As Mr. Lupton put it, "a coal mine was not a coal hole," and the man who took an hour or two to get from the pit's bottom to the face of coal he was working would lose 4s. or 5s. a day under the Bill. On Friday we sat from 12 noon until 10 p.m. discussing in the main the machinery of the measure, and also an important amendment by Mr. Beck, a Radical, to leave the question of whether the time of winding shall be counted in the eight hours to be dealt with by the Parliament five years hence, when the provision comes into operation. The Government would not give way and deliberately tied the hands of the future Parliament. All this means that this week the Lords will have a good deal to say when the Bill comes before them.

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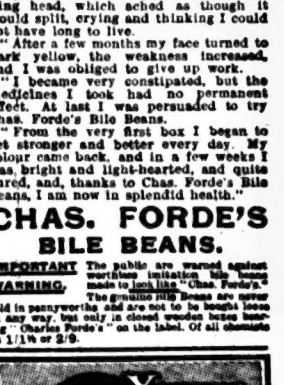

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BROKEN PROMISES.

STORY OF A CORNISH LOVE AFFAIR.

The story of a Cornish love affair was told when the Under-Sheriff for Cornwall held an inquiry at Camborne that a jury might assess damages against Stanley Trelawny Teague, employed on the West Coast of Africa, a son of Capt. W. Teague, of Barncoose, near Redruth, for breach of promise of marriage with Hilda V. Thomas, of Tuckingmill, for whom judgment had been obtained by her mother, Miss Thomas being a minor. Defendant did not appear, and was represented by Mr. W. Rowe. Miss Thomas (who was present with her mother) was represented by Mr. C. V. Thomas.—Mr. Thomas stated that defendant was a mining engineer, and at the time the engagement was made was employed in India. He believed at present defendant was in the employ of a company on the West Coast of Africa. The engagement took place about Feb. of last year, and from that time until Oct. 23 of that year there ensued the usual correspondence, but he intended to spare feelings by not reading them. Their idea was not to lampoon the man or hold him up to ridicule, but only to show there should be punishment for breach of the engagement.

The Breaking-off.

The letter that was received on Oct. 23, 1907, was of the same affectionate character as the ones previously sent, but the following one, sent from Hoshalli Mines, India, and dated Nov. 25, 1907, was this:—

I write to tell you that I have ceased to care for you. It is only fair to you as well as myself that our engagement should be at an end. You will probably think me a brute, and for this I shall be sorry. I should like for you to send my jewellery to my sister Lille at Probus. Everything else we need not bother about, as I have accepted presents from you.

When that letter arrived, Mr. Thomas continued, defendant was married to another. That letter was the first intimation that he did not care for Miss Thomas, and there was not a single word of any attempt to excuse his conduct. Having regard to the fact that he had been engaged since the February of that year, one would have thought that he might have done something better than write such a letter. It was not for him (Mr. Thomas) to say whether defendant's description of what Miss Thomas would think of him was right or not. His course of conduct was such, to say the least that the lady was entitled to receive some explanation.

No Explanation.

He asked the jury to assess damages that should not display vindictiveness or revenge. Miss Thomas was quite right in carrying the matter into the courts. Was she to remain under the stigma that it might be her own fault that the engagement had come to an end? In the absence of some explanation, some letter of apology, painful as it was for her, there was no other course open to her but to secure judgment against defendant. He (Mr. Thomas) wrote defendant on Dec. 27 last as to what proposals he wished to make, pointing out that the girl had left her employment through his overtures to the mother, and remarking that his expression about her thinking him a brute was not far removed from what anybody would think who knew the facts. If any reply had come from him which was at all satisfactory, if he had said it was through no fault of plaintiff, and was through his own fault and circumstances, then a writ would not have been issued. But nothing came from defendant. Since the issue of the writ he had been back from India, but did nothing when he received the statement of claim, and left the country. — Defendant did not appear, and judgment went by default. — The jury awarded plaintiff £150 damages.

£800 DAMAGES.

EASTERN MERCHANT'S BREACH OF PROMISE.

Heavy damages were awarded to the plaintiff in a breach of promise action heard at Aberdeen. Miss Marion Reid, employed in the Aberdeen Post Office, claimed £1,000 from Rbt. Thos. Reid, a merchant of Singapore, and after a long hearing the Sheriff awarded £800. Defender pleaded that the engagement was broken off by mutual consent on account of the risk to pursuer's health in going to a hot climate. This was denied by Miss Reid, who, in the course of her evidence, said she was 27 years old and had known defender 17 years. They became engaged on May 13, 1902. Defender went abroad in September, 1902, and there had been a correspondence between them until the end of April of this year. During that time she had received in all

ABOUT 300 LETTERS

from him, and they were on affectionate terms. Defender's expressed intention to her was that he would ask her out to Singapore to get married within a year or 18 months after he left. In 1905 defender warned her she might have to go out to Singapore on three or four month's notice, and asked her what money she would require for her passage and outfit. The understanding between them after 1905 was that they were to be married when he returned home on leave. When defender came home she expected him to say something about marriage. But from April 26, when he arrived in Aberdeen, until July 13, when he announced his intention of breaking off the engagement, he never referred to marriage in any way. He never excused himself for not getting married. She thought this very strange, but she never spoke to him about it, because, she thought, it was his place to speak. She implicitly trusted him, and for that reason did not speak to him about it. After the interview which defender had with her mother, pursuer said she repeatedly urged defender to give her his reasons why the marriage could not go on.

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IN MALE ATTIRE.

BLUSHING GIRL AT THE POLICE COURT.

A surprise was in store for the railway officials at Stonehaven, Kincardineshire on the arrival of the last train of the day from Edinburgh. One of the passengers inquired the way to "Kincardineshire," and consequently attracted more than ordinary attention. A closer glance convinced the officials that the inquirer was a girl dressed in boy's clothing, and they at once communicated with the police. The passenger was taken to the police station, and there gave her name as Agnes Wightman, 15, of Glasgow. She stated that she had been boarded out in the parish of Arbuthnott for five years, and left that place more than a year ago. Since then, she said, she had been in Glasgow, and admitted committing a theft of some money from a relative, with which she procured boy's attire. Having visited a hairdresser, she donned the clothing and travelled by train to Edinburgh, afterwards journeying on to Stonehaven.

The Magistrate's Request.

Agnes Wightman blushed when she was ushered into the Glasgow Police Court, yesterday. She was dressed in a boy's suit, over which she wore an ulster. She is a pretty girl of 15, but her locks had been shorn, and she might easily have been mistaken for a boy. She appeared on the double charge of having been found masquerading in boy's clothes and with having stolen 6s and a gold watch. Her ulster was buttoned to the foot, and when asked to open her coat she positively refused. "Show us your trousers," demanded the presiding magistrate; but he could not prevail upon her to do so.

Placed on Probation.

She admitted she had been masquerading for some time in her guise. She had made quite a long tour in Scotland. In the absence of her mistress from the house where she was employed in Glasgow, she took all the spare money and the gold watch. She prevailed upon a hairdresser to crop her like a boy, and with the money she procured the suit. Making a quick change on the stairs, Agnes sallied forth to the world, determined to throw over her feminine attire for ever. She admitted that her new clothes were more cosy, and that she found the pockets a luxury. She visited Edinburgh, Dundee, and Stonehaven, and it was only when she had nowhere to sleep that she admitted to the police that she belonged to the fair sex.—The magistrates took a lenient view of her offence, and prisoner was ordered to be deprived of her knicker suit and to go on probation for six months.

WIRELESS MESSAGES.

NEW STATION OPENED BY POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Mr. Sydney Buxton, Postmaster-General, opened the new Post Office wireless station at Bolt Head, Devonshirr. Mr. Buxton said he believed there was a great future for wireless telegraphy, not only in the Post Office and for communicating with ships, but as applied to other forms of commercial industry. The Post Office always desired to be in the forefront in matters affecting communication of this sort. Messages were exchanged with the Channel Islands and Ushant. This station will be able to communicate in the English Channel with any ship which is fitted with an installation. The charge for messages will in most cases be 9d. per word—3½d. for the coast station, 6d. in most cases for the station on board the ship, and the ordinary telegraph rate of 1d. a word.

A CHANNEL TRAGEDY.

AGENT-GENERAL FALLS FROM A STEAMER.

The Hon. Alf. Dobson, Agent-General in London for Tasmania, who was a passenger by the Boulogne mail packet Victoria last Saturday evening, fell overboard when the vessel was about two miles off Folkestone. The steamer was hove to at once, but all

THE HON. ALF. DOBSON.

search proved unfortunately, without result. Mr. Dobson left a portmanteau bearing his name and address and an umbrella on board. Mr. Dobson had made a flying visit to Paris, and was on his way back to London. He appeared quite cheerful and in his normal health. The police at Kensington were telegraphed to from Folkestone, and they broke the news to Mrs. Dobson at her house in Lexham Gardens. She at once went to Folkestone and saw the captain of the packet, from whom she learnt all that is known of the accident and of the futile attempts at rescue. The weather was calm and the vessel steady. Mr. Dobson, who was 60 years of age, entered the Tasmanian House of Assembly in 1877, and became Attorney-General, Speaker of the Assembly, and Solicitor-General. He had been twice married, his second wedding taking place this year.

GHASTLY DISCOVERY.

The Westminster Coroner has been informed of the death of a married woman named Ellen Coleman, who was found dead hanging from the cornice pole in her room at Lillington-st., Pimlico.—Deceased is said to have been separated from her husband, but no reason has been found to account for the supposed rash act which led to her death.

"ONE AND ALL."

AN APPLICATION IN CHANCERY.

In the Chancery Division Justice Warrington had before him the affairs of the One and All Sickness and Accident Association.—In moving on behalf of four members for the appointment of a receiver, Mr. Gore Browne, K.C., said this association was described by its own officials as a "huge national slate club." It claimed to have got something like a quarter of a million subscribers, and the subscriptions were at the rate of a shilling a month. The grievance which had arisen, said counsel, was that a number of the subscribers found when they became entitled to sick benefits they could not get them. When their solicitor applied to the solicitor whose name appeared on the documents of this body or society as to how it was constituted, and who were the responsible persons who held the moneys, he was positively refused all information. The only information they had been able to get was from its advertisements and circulars that Mr. Trathen was manager and Mr. Smith the secretary. There were three other persons, who were described as a committee of inspection.

An Actuary's Report.

Plaintiffs had further ascertained, continued counsel, that in the earlier part of last year the society called in Mr. King, a well-known actuary, to advise upon the system of work they were doing. He reported that for the moneys they were asking it was impossible for them to give the benefits that they were offering, that the scale was much too low, and that even if there were no expenses the subscriptions would not be sufficient to give the benefits promised. The only reason given why some persons could not get their sick pay, said counsel, was that the officials had not had time to go through all the claims. They said they had distributed £15,000 in seven months in sick pay, but counsel said that the sick claims must have been enormously greater than that, and if they had not paid all these claims there ought to be some £60,000 in hand. Counsel then read the evidence in the case, from which it appeared that the head office of the association was Caxton House, Blackfriars-rd., and that it was essentially a working men's association.—His lordship asked who appointed Mr. Wm. Albert Trathen general manager of the association.—Mr. Terrell, K.C., who appeared for Mr. Trathen, said he could not tell.

Window Cleaner and Stoker.

—Mr. Smith had made an affidavit, in which he said the association had paid all its legal claims, and it had decided to raise its rate of subscription to 1s. 6d. per month. It had carried on its business in good faith, and was capable, he said, of fulfilling all its obligations. It was also shown in other evidence that it had now been decided to form the association into a limited company.—Mr. Terrell submitted that this was quite a hopeless application to stop an association.—His Lordship: To stop Mr. Trathen.—Mr. Terrell: To stop the trustees from carrying on the business. It was, said counsel, an action ostensibly brought by a window-cleaner and a stoker for an ulterior purpose.—His lordship said a window-cleaner and a stoker were as much entitled to the relief of this court as anybody else.

Receiver Appointed.

Mr. Terrell said the association constituted a perfectly honest and straightforward attempt on the part of trade unionists in the country to obtain for their members great advantages for the very smallest contribution. The action, he added, was an attempt to wreck the association, not to protect any right, but for ulterior purposes.—His lordship said "this affair"—he did not know what to call it—had been carried on as if it were the business of a friendly society. They had paid salaries to officers, they had paid commissions to agents, and large sums of money in advertisements. None of these objects were among the objects for which the 300,000 or 200,000 working men had subscribed their money. That seemed to be in itself sufficient to appoint a receiver, and he made an order accordingly.

Police Court Proceedings.

—Yesterday, at Tower Bridge Police Court, Mr. Jas. Duncan, barrister, applied to Mr. Rose for a summons against the "One and All" Sickness and Accident Assurance Association, on behalf of a member named Edith Blake, of Cricklewood. She complained that she had been ill for 16 weeks, and had received only £1 from the society, whereas she was entitled to £14.—Mr. Rose: I suppose you have seen by the newspapers that a receiver has been appointed in regard to this society?—Mr. Duncan: Yes, sir; but under the Industrial Assurance Societies Act it is for you to determine whether this is a proper case for payment by the receiver.—Magistrate: Very well, take your summons.

Interlocutory Appeals.

—Earlier in the day Mr. H. Terrell, K.C., applied to the Court of Appeal on behalf of defendants in the case of Rossington and others v. Trathen and Smith, the officials of the "One and All" Society, for the purpose of knowing whether the court would take interlocutory appeals again this side of the Christmas vacation.—The Master of the Rolls stated that interlocutory appeals would be taken on Monday, Dec. 21, and probably before then.—Mr. Terrell intimated that he was satisfied with that assurance.—The application was made in consequence of the decision of Justice Warrington to appoint a receiver to the society, and his refusal of an application to stay the order pending an appeal.

The Agricultural and Horticultural Association which uses the motto "One and All" as a trade mark for seeds, etc., ask us to state that they are in no way connected with the insurance society referred to above.

STEAMER IN COLLISION.

The Russian schooner Ekonon, of Windau, from Alloa Dock for Demerara with coal, was towed into Dover Harbour yesterday, having lost her bowsprit. The vessel also sustained serious damage to her stern through collision with the s.s. Pladda, of Glasgow, off the South Foreland. The message adds that heavy weather is reported on the French coast.

PECULIAR PEOPLE.

NO DOCTOR FOR A DYING WIFE.

Mr. Geo. E. Hilleary held an inquest at Canning Town on the body of Emily Sophia Ballard, 39, the wife of a coal merchant, living at Avenoned., Plaistow.—Wm. Ballard, the husband, said that he and his wife were members of the sect of Peculiar People. A baby was born on Nov. 22, and his wife was attended by Mrs. McGregor, a registered midwife. Things went well until Dec. 3, when she appeared to be very ill, and witness called in Mr. Moore, the elder of the sect. After he had gone Mrs. Ballard seemed much easier, but she again got worse, and on the following Sunday a prayer-meeting was held on her behalf. On Monday evening death took place.—Coroner: Did you do anything to help your wife? I asked her if she wanted a medical man, but she wouldn't hear of it.—A Juror: Didn't you think it was your duty to call in a doctor against her wish? She had never had a doctor, and I couldn't go against her wish.

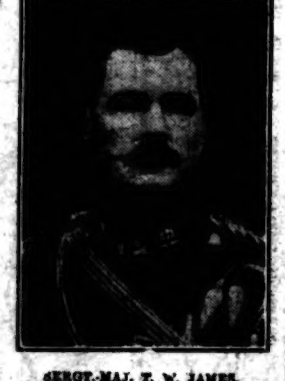
Knew She Was Dying.

—You had no hesitation in engaging a midwife? No.—Have you ever had a doctor for your children? No; God has remembered them, and they have never required it.—You know that a midwife can give medicine? I didn't know that.—You knew that your wife was very ill and dying? Yes.—A Juror: Why didn't you send for a doctor then? It was your duty between God and your wife? I could not go against my wife's wishes.—Mrs. Esther McGregor, of Raglan-rd., Plumstead, said that she attended Mrs. Ballard, and did not think she needed a doctor, or she would have taken it upon herself to call in one. She only attended for six days.—Dr. Angus Kennedy said death was due to puerperal septaemia and peritonitis.—The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the doctor's evidence, and added a rider to the effect that the midwife should be dealt with under the Act. They were also of opinion that the husband should have called in a doctor.—The coroner directed Mrs. McGregor not to practice until she heard from the Central Authority.

A NOTABLE CAREER.

FINE RECORD OF A WARRANT OFFICER.

Regtl. Sergt.-maj. T. W. James, now serving with the 16th (The Queen's) Lancers, and who enlisted in April, 1884, at the age of 19 years



SERGT.-MAJ. T. W. JAMES.

as a general service cavalryman, has one of the finest records held by any warrant officer in the British Army. Besides being the possessor of six medals, he has been decorated with the Order of Isabella the Catholic by H.M. the King of Spain, and it is remarkable that out of 24 years' army life he has spent 12 years 8 months on foreign service. His official record is as follows:—Medals: Distinguished Conduct medal, Hasara Indian Frontier, Queen's S.A. (five clasps for Relief of Kimberley, Paardeburg, Johannesburg, Diamond Hill and Wittebergen), King's S.A. two clasps, meritorious medal and good conduct.

WORKHOUSE SCANDAL.

NURSE'S CHARGES AGAINST THE MASTER.

A Local Government Board inquiry, held at Pembroke Workhouse, has aroused the greatest interest in South Wales. It was called to consider certain allegations made against the master of the workhouse, complaint being laid by Nurse Wragg. The nurse complained to the inspector that when she took over the duties she did not receive proper instruction nor proper appliances. Asked if the master attended at times when it was improper, she said that he visited her one morning when she was washing a female patient. The patient was undressed and she, the nurse, asked the master to retire, which he did. At other times the master would come to the infirmary kitchen to carve, and often filthy words were passed by the master and the women inmates. On Aug. 28 witness was leaving the surgery at 7.30 in the evening when the master came in and asked if the blinds were in order.

SERIOUS ALLEGATION.

She said "Yes." He then closed the door, put his arm round her and kissed her. She pushed him away, and he then deliberately misconducted himself. She threatened to tell the matron, and he said, "Oh, no, that will never do." She did not tell the matron. On Oct. 12, however, she found several charges were formulated against her, and she then, in self-defence, made a statement against him.—In cross-examination, Nurse Wragg said that a male inmate named Bruce would come into her ward and brush and tidy up for her, but it was not true she had kissed him and taken an affectionate "Good night" before he left. She had also had a male friend from the town in her apartments as late as 12 o'clock at night.—Mr. C. Flutter, the master, stated that it was reported to him that Bruce was in Nurse Wragg's room on two nights until nearly one in the morning. He also reported the nurse for bad nursing.—Adjourned.

STUDIO MURDER.

MADAME STEINHEIL'S ORDEAL.

Mme. Steinheil, the central figure in the Paris studio crime, has been again examined by M. André, the juge d'instruction, who questioned her regarding the events immediately preceding the murder of her husband and mother. "On May 30, as I have told you already," said Mme. Steinheil, "my mother arrived, and it was decided to go the same day to Bellevue, where everything had been prepared to receive all the family. It was only late in the afternoon that my mother, feeling tired by the journey and suffering from rheumatism, said she preferred staying the night in Paris. It was agreed that we should start next morning."—In the course of a further examination, Mme. Steinheil admitted having gone to the villa at Bellevue on the day of the crime before her mother's arrival. To the inmates of the villa she announced that she and her husband would remain in Paris that night. "Then," said the magistrate with some amazement, "the story you have already told me about the postponement of your visit being due to your mother's illness is all lies. You had arranged that you should remain at the Impasse Ronsin at night."—Madame, cornered, burst into tears, and, burying her head in her hands, remained deaf to the magistrate's request for an answer. When she left the room of the juge d'instruction shortly afterwards she was still sobbing and holding a handkerchief to her eyes.

"You Know That is False."

But a more painful ordeal awaited prisoner at the next examination. The first question M. André asked was, "Who took your jewels from Paris to Bellevue?" "I took part of them," she answered, then, contradicting her previous statements, she added, "I left the remainder at the Impasse Ronsin, and afterwards I said I had pledged them. But that is not true. The burglars took them."—"But you also stated that the burglars took your money." Yes.—"You know that is false. You had no money, and you know the burglars, if there ever were any, left several banknotes about. Nor did they take your husband's gold watch."—Madame (visibly disconcerted): There must have been money.—M. André (in decided tones): You lie when you say they took money. You know they did not.—Prisoner did not reply, but became appreciably paler and moved restlessly on her chair.

"I Want to Know the Truth."

—Taking advantage of her embarrassment, M. André fixed her with his keen eyes, and, drawing his chair nearer, said, "Madame, I want you to tell me what took place at the Impasse Ronsin on the night of May 30. I want to know the truth about the murder of your husband and your mother."—Mme. Steinheil recoiled for a moment, then, quickly recovering her self-possession, retold her previous story of three burglars and a red-haired woman in black gaberdines.—When she had finished, M. André, who had been taking short-hand notes, said: "Madame, if you were tied to your bed, as you describe, every movement of your arms would only have tightened the cords round your neck and tended to strangle you."—Prisoner winced. "I do not know, I cannot remember!" she said in nervous tones.

A Paroxysm of Grief.

"Did you not hear your mother cry out while the men were attacking her?" pursued M. André. Tears came to Mme. Steinheil's eyes, and she was seized with a paroxysm of grief. "No," she sobbed. "All I remember is my mother calling out helplessly, 'Meg! Meg!'" Here prisoner gave way to uncontrollable weeping and fell forward on the table. When M. André endeavoured to recommence, prisoner burst into a torrent of indignant reproaches. "Do you think I am a criminal?" she cried. "For the sake of my daughter, do not torture me any longer." "You have only to tell me the truth and I will insist no further," answered M. André, "but you know the narrative you have told to-day is not the only version you have given of the crime. Your story has been different at every interrogation, and you have accused several different people." "What I have said to-day is the truth," replied prisoner.

Madame as a Girl.

The following description of Mme. Steinheil in her girlhood is given by an uncle of hers, who lives near Moulins:—"My niece Marguerite is excessively nervous, even hysterical. . . . When a girl she would suddenly become sad and speak incoherently; she would cry and laugh alternately. . . . Marguerite was considered in the family as a big baby, nervous, flighty, and capricious. But when she chose she could display astonishing energy and firmness, and even her mother, of whom she was very fond, could not get her to confess the most insignificant fault if she wanted to conceal it. She was wonderfully clever in defending herself." When asked by the correspondent who interviewed him whether he thought that she had an accomplice and would denounce him, he replied: "Certainly, if my neice had a hand in the crime, which I refuse to believe, she must have been helped by someone, in which case she would probably have concocted the plan for the other to execute, and would have done this to get out of money difficulties and to satisfy her boundless ambition. But as for the accomplice, if he exists, she will never denounce him. M. André will never discover him."

THEY STICK TO BASS.

In connection with recent claims of long service records, the employees of the great firm of Bass, at Burton, are probably ahead of any yet given. The 10 eldest servants of the Burton firm have an aggregate service of 326 years, and the oldest 53 total 3,639 years' service between them. These figures are the more astonishing as there are 4,000 employees, and a pension fund with a minimum of 10s. a week.

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ALONE IN LONDON.

ALIEN SCOUNDREL WELL SENTENCED.

A strange story of the experiences of a young Frenchwoman stranded alone in London was told to the Common Serjeant (Sir Albert Bosanquet, K.C.), at the Central Criminal Court, when Arthur Staub, aged 20, a well-dressed man of Swiss nationality, stood in the dock charged with the alleged procuration of Lea Godin for improper purposes. A second indictment charged the man with the theft of an overcoat and other articles, the property of Luigi Cerala.—Mr. T. Humphreys, for the prosecution, said that the facts were shortly these: Prisoner was a Swiss, and in October last was employed as a waiter at a restaurant in Old Compton-st., Soho. Lea Godin was a young Frenchwoman, 19 years of age, who did not understand a word of the English language. She came to England from France on Sept. 10 in the company of a lady living at Richmond for the purpose of becoming a domestic servant. From Sept. 10 till Oct. 12 she remained in service at Richmond, but left on the latter date because the

Work Was Too Hard for Her

to do. She came to London with another young women for the purpose of getting work in a laundry, having done similar work in France. At this time she was a perfectly respectable young woman; her parents, also, who lived at Calais, were quite respectable. The young woman took a room at No. 27, Old Compton-st., which was opposite the restaurant where prisoner was employed, and she went there to take her meals daily, and in this way became acquainted with him. She told prisoner the circumstances in which she was placed, and he, it was suggested, arranged to take other rooms for her. He made an appointment the same evening, and after he had finished work he met her and took her to an address in Edward-st., where a Frenchman, a friend of prisoner's, lived. An arrangement was made that the Frenchman should give up his room that night to prisoner and the young woman, and that the Frenchman should sleep at an address in Bennett-st. There, counsel said, prisoner was cohabiting with a young English girl, named Bates, 17 years of age.

Was Short of Money.

On the following day prisoner found another room for Lea Godin at Warwick-st., in the same neighbourhood. He took this room for a week, and introduced the young woman as his wife, paying the rent in advance, and there they remained till Oct. 22. While at this address prisoner, counsel said, told the girl that he was short of money—she had already spent a sum of £2, all that she had on leaving Richmond, and that she must go out and make some. He, in pursuance of his plan, accordingly took the young woman to Piccadilly at night, and showed her the manner in which other girls behaved there. On Oct. 22 prisoner left his employment voluntarily, and took another room for the girl at a house kept by a foreigner in Seymour-st. By Oct. 26 the couple had come absolutely to the end of their resources, and she, at the man's suggestion, went out night after night in Euston-rd. One gentleman came home, and prisoner waited outside till he had gone, and then went back and took the money he had given her.—Lea Godin, a well-built, good-looking young woman, was then called, and, through an interpreter, bore out the opening statement of counsel.—Prisoner was sworn as a witness, and denied the allegations against him; but the jury found him guilty.—The Common Sergeant sentenced prisoner to six months' hard labour, and said that on the expiration of his sentence the Court would recommend him for deportation.

BOY DETECTIVE

LEADS TO ARREST OF ALIEN HOUSEBREAKER.

Many complimentary remarks were passed upon the conduct of a boy detective at the Clerkenwell Sessions. Samuel Feinstein, a Russian, was convicted of housebreaking in Buz-

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ton-st., E., and it was stated he had only been in this country for 10 weeks. But for the valuable assistance of a 12-year-old schoolboy, named Albert Bay, of Buxton-st., in furnishing the police with a description of the prisoner, whom he had noticed had been loitering about at the time of the robbery, he would not have been traced. The youth was in poor circumstances; he had no boots and hardly any clothes, and the police had to provide him with an outfit so that he might attend the court to give evidence. His father was an industrious man, but was out of employment.—Mr. Loveland, K.C., called the boy forward, and, after complimenting him, ordered him to receive half-a-sovereign besides his expenses. —Det.-sergt. Ratter also stated that the jury had added another 10s. which they had collected among themselves. Feinstein was ordered nine months' imprisonment and certified for deportation.

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OUR OMNIBUS.

THE CONDUCTOR.

Punctual to the cattle show of the Smithfield Club at the Agricultural Hall, appears the almanac of "The Live Stock Journal," and in it is a most interesting article by that eminent authority, Sir Walter Gilbey, on "Live Stock a Hundred Years Ago." As he well remarks, it is not easy to realise the changes that a century has brought about in the agriculture of the British Isles. Even in stock raising alone, sheep have given place to cattle in the scale of importance; and whereas a hundred years ago the farmer bred horses as a matter of course, that industry has fallen into neglect—a neglect which, it is to be feared, is progressive.

At the beginning of the last century, the breeding of sheep had received considerable impetus from the importation from Spain by King George III. of the first merinos ever seen in this country. This was in 1792, but it was some time before the value of the new breed was recognised. By 1810, however, merinos had been crossed with nearly every kind of sheep in England and Scotland. The natural result was that several local breeds, which had been kept alive by the difficulties of getting about, disappeared. One of them, the Norfolk and Suffolk, is described as resembling a deer rather than a sheep; the most important was the Teeswater, famous for its mutton, but not carrying much wool.

As illustrative of the changes that have overtaken agriculture, Sir Walter Gilbey dwells on the fact that a century ago the ox was widely used for draught and the plough. It was put to the yoke at the age of two or three years, worked until six or seven, and then fatted on the richest pastures for the butcher. Again, pigs were kept in a different way from what they are now. They were turned on to the stubbles after the crops had been carried, and were still raised on the system that had prevailed during the earlier ages when vast acres of waste land and forest were accessible. Of the then existing breeds the Berkshire is the only one which has retained its name to the present day.

The most popular carthorse a hundred years ago was the large black or heavy black, principally bred in the Midlands. Sir Walter tells us that it was a descendant of the war horse which carried a man in heavy armour. But Suffolk Punches were half as long again as the blacks, and had no equals on a farm. Sir Walter reminds us that, "apart from coaching, every country gentleman drove or rode, the farmer or drover travelled on horseback, and goods in out-of-the-way parts of England were still carried on pack-horses" a hundred years ago.

THE ACTOR.

The only important item of news reaching me through the past week as information worth publishing is a communication from Mr. George Alexander to the effect that he has just decided to start his season at the St. James's Theatre next autumn with a new play by Mr. Pinero, which is as yet unnamed.

The tercentenary anniversary of the birth of the only English poet great enough to be bracketed with Shakspere—Milton—brings his figure prominently into public notice, at any rate for the time being. I take the opportunity to correct popular error regarding the famous epic lyrist, that because he was of the Puritan party opposed to the Cavaliers he, in common with the "Barebones," hot gospellers, set his face against the drama and its performances. The disproof of this common allegation is found in the poet's works. Sternly conscientious as Milton was, had he been opposed to the stage he would never have written those glowing lines of admiration to the master dramatist in the sonnet adressed to him so affectionately, commencing, "What needs my Shakspere for his honoured bones," nor would he have apostrophised his brother genius as "Dear son of memory, great heir of fame."

But, what is more, Milton, though he never set himself to write a play, wrote masques, which is the drama's equivalent for all acting purposes, as proven to us by the Tudor dramatists. "Comus," played at Ludlow Castle by the Earl of Bridgewater's sons, Lord Brackly and his brother Thomas and his daughter, Lady Alice Egerton, was written by request of its famous author's friend, Henry Lawes, the composer, really as a libretto for his music accompanying the scenes of "Comus." Milton also wrote a second masque entitled "Arcades," which was performed before the Dowager Countess of Derby at Harefield. An interesting fact with reference to the poet is that, while in Italy he met and found a friend in the famous Galileo.

Miss Julia Neilson, happily restored in health, will at last make her reappearance with Mr. Fred Terry at the New Theatre on Thursday, Jan. 7, as Marguerite de Valois in Mr. Wm. Devereux's new play, "Henry of Navarre."

A quaint story reaches me of Mr. Michael Manning, commonly known as "Mick," a highly eccentric Irish theatrical manager, who has just joined the majority. Mick, like all of his calling, knew the value of advertisements, and used his opportunities to get them gratis. On one occasion while on tour with his company and arriving by boat at Bristol he noticed, on landing, a number of pigs being driven along the quays. Making friendly acquaintance over a glass with the pig driver, Manning, producing a paste pot and placards, stuck one on the back of each of the herd of swine, and so announced, in a way as attractive as it was original, the opening night of his engagement.

About bagpipes. This instrument of torture to all save Scottish ears was in use at least 4,000 years ago. This is proven past question by a statement made last week by Professor Garstang in addressing the Asiatic Society. As the result of excavations made in Asia Minor, the land of the Hittites named, with Hivites and others, among the foes of Israel in the Old Testament, sculptures have been unearthed giving a representation of a man playing the bagpipes, and having for his musical fellow-player another person evidently accompanying him on the banjo. It is the old, old story of nothing new under the sun.

A correspondent writing me regarding my statement last week that Ristori appeared as Mary in Schiller's play of "Mary Stuart," says when he saw the great Italian actress she enacted Elisabeth. His memory is right, but so is mine; for it was Ristori's custom to alternate the characters of the rival Queens.

PIPER PAN.

Sir Edward Elgar's name has been in everyone's mouth this week, and many people are saying that his new symphony indicates grand possibilities of what he might do as an operatic composer. I believe the distinguished musician has already such a work under consideration, but it would necessarily be some time before he could seriously devote himself to its composition. The arduous application entailed in writing and scoring his splendid symphony has been great, and Sir Edward will need considerable rest before attacking another big work.

By the bye, I am pleased to learn that Dr. E. W. Naylor's new English opera, "The Angelus," is to be produced during the second week of the forthcoming season at Covent Garden. Most of my readers will remember that "The Angelus" won the £100 prize offered by Messrs. Ricordi for the best opera by a British composer. The competition also promised a performance of the successful work at Covent Garden. In olden times the promise would, of course, have been fulfilled, but the production would in all probability have been relegated to one representation at the fag-end of the season. The present favourable aspect of English music has brought about an agreeable change, and Dr. Naylor's opera will have a chance of several representations should it achieve the success anticipated for it.

A most interesting debutante in this winter's production of "Peter Pan" will be Miss Marjorie Moore, a daughter of Mme. Bertha Moore, the well-known concert vocalist. I believe that Miss Marjorie is the first of the younger generation of the gifted Moore family to take up professional life. She is charmingly pretty, possesses a beautiful voice, and is still in her teens. These qualifications, in conjunction with the hereditary talent she probably inherits from her accomplished mother and her famous aunts, the Misses Eva, Decima, and Jessie Moore, ought to ensure a successful career for the young lady.

I am glad to see that Mr. Isidore de Lara's "Sanga" has been produced at the Opéra Comique, Paris. The opera was cordially received on its production at Nice two years ago, but no London manager has thought it worth his while to perform it here, although Mr. de Lara has had several other operas played at Covent Garden. He will score by the Paris performance, as his name will be set down in musical history as the first English composer who has been paid the notable compliment of having an opera mounted at the Opéra Comique. For, in spite of his foreign name, Mr. de Lara was born in England and studied music at the Guildhall School of Music.

From all accounts it appears that the erase for German opera is rapidly declining in America, but I do not think it is in similar case in London—or, anyhow, not when it is given in the vernacular; for I am informed that there has been a tremendous rush to book seats for the special Wagner performance in English at Covent Garden next month. In fact all the balcony and amphitheatre stalls for the three series are already sold.

Dr. Hans Richter, with his aides-de-camp, Mr. Percy Pitt and Herr Kreus, is busy with rehearsals of the "Ring." It is a strenuous task to drill the choristers, many of them novices, in both the vocal and stage parts, and the five or six weeks allowed for the work will be none too many. But opera-goers know well what Dr. Richter and his experienced co-workers can accomplish, and I expect that the chorus will sing and act well in addition to having young, fresh voices.

I hear that the Mendelssohn Choir, of Toronto, will probably visit London next year. The organisation comprises 225 voices, and it is said their singing is equal to that of our famous Sheffield Choir. The conductor, Dr. Vogt, arranges the choir in an original manner, but I should think with excellent results. He places each section in rows right across the platform, instead of sopranos and tenors on one side, and contraltos and basses on the other.

WILL WORKMAN.

As I anticipated, the Appeal Court's decision that compulsion of trades unionists to support M.P.'s to whom they are opposed in politics is illegal, because contrary to public policy, has roused the indignation of all the M.P.'s concerned, and has been unanimously condemned by the organs of the Socialist Labour party. Mr. Ramsey Macdonald, M.P., the astute generalissimo of the forces of Socialism, whose ammunition has for years been provided almost entirely out of funds provided by Tory, Liberal, and a smaller percentage of Socialist trades unionists, heads his wordy tirade, "Chaining the Trades Unions," and begins with the most inaccurate statement that, "The Court of Appeal has decided that a trade union must not meddle in politics." It, of course, has done nothing of the kind; all it has done is to prevent a trade union using money of Liberal and Tory members to propagate Socialism or Liberalism to which they are opposed.

He finishes by telling us that the decision means "one thing in practise for the rich and employing classes, and a totally different thing for the poor and wage-earning classes," and in doing so displays the cynical disregard of himself and party for the commonest form of social justice for the huge majority of trades unionists who are opposed to the Socialistic policy of government. The condemned decision in no way interferes with the right of any trade union to voluntarily collect from its members any monies which such members are willing to pay for the purposes of Parliamentary representation. As to whether the Socialisers of our trades unions can persuade a sufficient number to pay a voluntary levy is quite another matter. Personally, I feel sure they cannot do any such thing, and that they share that opinion with me. Hence these tears!

Mr. Ben Tillett, in "Justice," waxes sarcastic over the decision at the expense of the "Temperance-cum-Labour party," as he facetiously describes Ramsey's brigade. He tells us that it has raised "another unemployed problem: the whole trade union movement will be convulsed for 30 men, menaced with unemployment, although the same movement cannot be stirred to help 10,000,000 destitutes—not in Parliament." I suppose this is an evidence of the way these world-reformers love each other. Unfortunately for the credit of the Labour party, Tillett's accusation, that these 30 statesmen (?) of the Labour party who procrastinated over the hungry unemployed will show another front and intense activity now that their bread, butter and other things are threatened, is all too true, as is shown by the numerous screeds in the various Socialist journals. From abuse of the judges, to the vilification of Mr. Osborne, they allow their anger to run riot, and thus betray the vitalness of the injury to Socialist compulsory appropriation of anti-Socialist members' funds. Happily the louder they squeal, the more just becomes the decision.

Leaflet 103 of the F.T.U. deals with the slate trade. It begins with the significant admission that we have built less houses during the last few years, which proves that our population is not increasing with the times, or our people are not able to pay the increasing rents caused by the increasing rates to pay for Municipal Socialism. Then we are told that our production of slates in 1906 was 493,000 tons, imports 41,400 tons and exports 28,600 tons. What we are not told is that in 1907, out of a value of £131,100 of slates imported £113,700 came from protected markets, £17,400 from neutral markets, and none from our Empire, so that, of the labour displaced by these imports nearly all of it was given to protected markets. Of a value of £124,400 exported slates, £88,000 went to protected markets, £3,000 to neutral markets, and £32,400 to British Imperial markets, so that almost the whole of our exports to the Empire were required to pay for the excess imports from protected markets. If Tariff Reform gave us equal trade with protected markets, we could employ 200 more slate quarrymen.

Will the F.T.U. statistical secretary tell us why on leaflet 127 they give the imports here, and differentiate between the trade done with foreign countries and the Empire, and yet in leaflets 68 and 115 not a word is said about imports, and the destinations of our glassware and machinery are not named? Will he tell us why, if it is satisfactory to know that our exports of machinery are so much greater than our imports; and why, if the fact that we are gaining, if only slightly, in exports, by comparison with imports of glassware, Tariff Reform, by securing our home markets and compelling better treatment of all our manufactures in protected markets, would not greatly increase the production of all our industries?

At last I have got Mr. Mond's reply to Mr. Begley. He says he is willing to sacrifice political consistency to the furtherance of the interest of his shareholders. Of course; but how about sticking fast to Free Trade? Evidently that does not apply to chemicals; then why to anything else?

I am still awaiting Mr. Robertson's reply to "Numericus."

The question of comparative employment in the United Kingdom, Germany, and the United States of America is very much to the fore just now. From the Free Trade point of view it contains the tacit admission that if our competitors' returns can be proved to be much lower than ours, then it is a strong argument for Tariff Reform. On page 65 of the F.T.U. Handbook we are told: "It is true that the percentages returned as unemployed by the German trades unions which make returns are low." On leaflet No. 102 of the same amusing organisation we read the following:—

	per 1,000 Trades Unionists.		
	1905	1906	1907
British Unemployment	53	41	45
German Unemployment	15	13	17

I may add that these figures are slightly different to those given in the "Labour Gazette," but not so much as to make any material difference.

True, after making these statements, they go on to attempt to discount the difference of three to one which those figures give to Germany. They tell us "the trades unions concerned differ in each country. Textile trades, which count for much with us, are very inadequately represented in the German returns," etc. To show how untrue this is, let anyone take the last issue of the "Labour Gazette," and they will find that our 591,000 trades unionists are taken from miscellaneous and eight other trades, while of the 1,273,000 German trades unionists 469,000 belong to miscellaneous trades, and about 804,000 to the six principal unions, and, more significant still, coal mining, engineering, metal trades, printing, and wood working are given in both countries. Out of about 1,500,000 textile operatives our returns include 41,300, and the F.T.U. talks about "very inadequate representation" of German textiles in their returns!

The fact of the matter is that the German figures are more reliable than ours, especially since September, 1906, as anyone can see by turning up the "Labour Gazette" for November, 1906, and why their returns show three times less unemployment than ours is simply because there is three times less of it. Thanks to Bismarck, employment is steadier, because of the security to the workers of the home market. The "Handbook's" argument that German industries go on short time rather than throw men out of work while ours stop the men and work full time with a smaller staff is proved to be rubbish by the history of the great coal and textile industries, both of whom adopt the policy of working short time instead of stopping the workers, and the same is true of many other industries.

A typical sample of Socialistic exaggeration was promptly nailed to the counter last Wednesday by "The Glasgow Herald." Mr. Keir Hardie, in introducing his "Unemployed Act" last Tuesday night, declared that in Glasgow "every night thousands of men were lining the streets in the neighbourhood of the police offices waiting to occupy the cells in which there were no prisoners," only to be told by "The Glasgow Herald" that this statement "is sheer exaggeration. The applicants vary with the weather, the highest number accommodated being 100, the average about 50. Some nights there may be groups numbering from 20 to 40, and stragglers bringing up the average to 50. Even the Salvation Army shelters never have such numbers of applicants—where, besides free bed, they get free supper and breakfast. At present their accommodation is not sufficient, an average of 80 to 90 being turned away." This proves how reckless even Keir Hardie can be in dealing with facts which can be so easily proved, and of such exaggerations is the case for Socialism made up.

BUCKLAND JUNIOR.

It will be remembered that a short time since, when writing of the animals, insects, etc., to be found in Rhodesia, I mentioned the enormous amount of destruction wrought in that country by locusts. A correspondent has now forwarded me a few specimens of this pest, asking for a note upon them. The locusts in question were brought from Las Palmas, the Canary Islands having recently been more or less devastated by a plague of these creatures. My correspondent furnishes me with a few statements made to him concerning them by some of the Spanish-speaking natives. The following is an extract from his letter:—"A south wind (? east) brought the plague from Africa in the beginning of November, the locusts speedily spreading themselves over the island, eating up the green stuff on which the islands depend (fruit-growing). Church bells rang and boys paraded beating tin-cans to frighten away the pests; but the best remedy was a storm of wind and rain, which blew them into the sea. Even then some survived, being washed up by the waves; the dead below forming a raft for the alive above."

The locust is a member of the same order (Orthoptera) as the cricket and grasshopper, Beetles, moths, and the like, we know, pass through three stages before they are perfect:—From the egg to larva, from larva to pupa, and from pupa to the image or perfect insect. The locust, however, differs from these by omitting the pupal stage, thus the larva hatches from the egg and develops into the perfect locust. The eggs are laid by the female either in a hole or upon the stems of plants—usually the former. About 80 are placed in a systematic way and covered with a glutinous secretion. These are then left, and later in the year, or in the spring of the following year, the larva emerge. These soon become active, and, were it not for the fact that they do not possess wings, are smaller, and the antennæ are shorter, they could scarcely be distinguished from the adults. Before maturity is reached the larvæ undergo about six moults, and those hatched in the spring reach this state about the end of the summer.

In the locusts the antennæ are short, usually not more than half the length of the body, and the ovipositor of the female is also short. The head is large and strong and is furnished with a pair of compound eyes and three small eyes, or ocelli, below the antennæ. The mouth has strong, toothed masticatory jaws and is thus capable of eating practically any vegetable substance which may come its way. It has six peculiarly formed legs, the hind pair especially being very large at the thighs. The body is long and composed of segments, and it has four wings. There are several species, but the most common is that known as the migratory locust. In this the general colour is pale brown, with the elytra spotted with a darker brown. The wings are large and have a greenish tinge, while the legs are brown banded with black and yellow.

The locust has but little power of guiding its flight, and in consequence its direction is only altered by a change in the wind, or, rather, the wind is really the only thing which can stop their progress. It is absolutely impossible for anyone who has not seen a swarm of these creatures to imagine its magnitude or appearance—they can only be enumerated by billions. When on their way they darken the air like large black clouds, and it has been said that, when passing overhead, one would imagine they were in a snowstorm, on account of the thousands falling through damaged wings caused by constantly knocking against one another. Even fire has been tried to stop an army of them; large areas of brushwood have been lighted upon their approach, and although thousands have perished in the flames absolutely no difference could be seen in the large army which continued on its way.

I am so frequently receiving queries from would-be apiarists, that I am prompted to give a short biography of the bee here. The hive-bees (several species are domesticated) are, of course, the only ones that concern me at present, although there are many other species. In the first place there are three sects at it were, or sexes—the queens, the drones, and the workers. The queen reigns; she is the mother of the colony in every way, for she alone can lay eggs for the reproduction of her kind; the drones are the males who are, as their name implies, non-workers, and are accordingly only allowed to live for a limited period; while the workers are the imperfect females. The drone has a stout body and large compound eyes which meet on the crown. He is larger than the worker, but not so long as the queen. The eyes of the queen and worker are comparatively small. The body of the queen is very long, and it is only she and the workers who possess a "sting." The eggs are laid by the queen bee, and the larvæ shortly emerge. The larvæ are fed at first by the nurse-bees with a milk-like juice secreted in a gland in the head. With the workers this is soon changed for a mixture of pollen, honey and water, the drones only receive this nourishing diet for a trifle longer but the queen is more or less gorged with it. The larvæ all grow quickly and change their skins several times during the first week, after which time their cell is closed up by the workers. The larvæ then spin a cocoon and turn to pupæ. Less than a fortnight is spent in this condition, the pupal skin is then cast and the young bee makes its way out of the cell and is soon ready for active service.

The additions to the Zoological Society's Gardens for the week ending Dec. 6 include:—Mammals: One mona guenon and one ring-tailed phalanger. Birds: Two great eagle-owls, one grey parrot, one roseate cockatoo, and one red-winged parrakeet. Reptiles: 1 common chameleon.

OLD IZAAK.

Variable and gloomy as the weather has been of late, anglers have no reason for complaint, and many good catches have been made. The tidal water of the Thames between Richmond and Teddington has fished well, and sport has been had at Kingston, Hampton Court, Shepperton, and kindred resorts. Pike, roach, and chub, have rewarded anglers at Marlow, Pangbourne, and other upriver stations. As briefly chronicled in our latest Sunday edition last week, a splendid pike, weighing 17lb. (3ft. 3in. long), was caught at Caversham by Mr. Percy Cawston, son of Mr. E. Cawston, the well-known launch owner there. It was taken live baiting with a roach on snap tackle, and is now in the hands of Messrs. Cooper for preservation. Mr. Cawston's sons (all of them anglers) have been well among the pike in the locality of late, Mr. Percy and Mr. Arthur Cawston taking 32 fish altogether, scaling from 3lb. to 10½lb. each, and Mr. William and Mr. Edward Cawston 15, the two best scaling 7lb. each, the whole being the result of a week's fishing.

Walton's Lee has fished fairly well in the Rye House and St. Margaret's districts, and prospects for the present promise well. Heavy rain fell on Sunday last at Pulborough, and comparatively few fish were taken. The Huntingdon Ouse at St. Ives is in fishable condition, but I regret to hear from Mr. E. Collinson that the local association, of which he is hon. sec., are taking steps to secure and close their portion of the river to anglers (except on payment) owing to the sad lack of support given to the preservation work the association carries on so well. In other quarters, Shakspere's Avon has yielded a bream of 3lb. 14oz. at Evesham, and some fine roach, scaling up to 1½lb. each, have been taken from the Leeds Association water on the Derwent by Mr. J. H. R. Baxley, of Birmingham, and Mr. J. F. Gorrill, the respected President of the Sheffield Anglers.

Sea anglers have done well all along the coast, and excellent catches have been made at Herne Bay, Margate, Ramsgate, Brighton, and similar stations. The Folkestone Sea Angling Festival, held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday last, proved a thorough success, nearly 720lb. of fish being brought to the scales as the result of three days' fishing. Mr. H. E. Coates (B.S.A.S.) and Mr. P. Grover (F.S.A.S.) headed the list of successful anglers, having the best one day's catch and the greatest three days' aggregate weight.

Twenty-five clubs were represented at the delegate meeting of the Central Association held at the Nag's Head Hotel, Covent Garden, on Monday last. A new and promising club, to be known as the Battersea Social Angling Society, was enrolled, and a resolution urging the claims of anglers to more direct representation (through their two associations and the preservation societies) on the Board of Conservators, to be appointed under the Port of London Bill, was unanimously adopted. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. J. J. Hobbs for his work in connection with the recent cup competition, and the usual reports on the association fisheries, followed by the interchange of seasonable compliments, brought the meeting to a close.

The prizes won in the recent competition at Richmond in aid of the funds of the Anglers' Benevolent Society are to be distributed to-morrow, Monday, Dec. 14, at the Portobello Tavern, Portobello-rd., Notting Hill, W., whereat a great concourse of anglers is likely to assemble. The famous Carlton Cup having been won for the third time by the Putney Angling Society has now become their property, and will be formally handed over to them on the occasion. "Old Izaak" as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Benevolent Society, will, if possible, make the presentations, assisted by Mr. W. H. Barber (Secretary A.B.S.) and others of the committee. The proceedings will, as usual, be preceded by a short vocal concert, commencing at 8.30 p.m. sharp.

At the annual meeting of the Athenæum Angling Society held last week, Dr. F. W. Spurgin was unanimously re-elected president, and Mr. H. J. Stranack hon. secretary. Donations were voted to the Henley-on-Thames Fisheries' Preservation Society and to the Central Association re-stocking fund. The dinner of the society was arranged to be held next month at the Frascati Restaurant, whereat Dr. Spurgin has undertaken to preside, and at which it is hoped many old members and friends will assemble.

Tuesday next, Dec. 15, will be the 225th anniversary of the death of good old Izaak Walton, the ever-venerated Father of Anglers, who passed away during the early days of the great frost of 1683 at the patriarchal age of 91. Saturday next, Dec. 19, marks the 28th anniversary of the death of Frank Buckland, the famous angler naturalist, whose efforts brought about the Fisheries Exhibition at Norwich in 1881, which led up to the great International Fisheries Exhibition of 1883, and others that have followed since. Walton's fame is undying, and anglers in thinking of him do well not to forget the many other brothers of the angle who in their day have been ornaments to the craft and left good examples to follow. Among the greatest of them has been Frank Buckland.

AN ACT OF TRUE CHARITY.

Shall I tell you a little story of an act of kindliness,
Which, I think, was taken note of up in heaven, none the less?
For, although the deed was simple, yet the thought that gave it birth
Was one that in its nature wasn't born down here on earth.

I was chatting to my butcher's wife—a kindly, merry soul,
Who, in spite of all her forty years, is mirthful as a foal—
When a little girl walked shyly in—a pallid child of ten;
I thought how thin and tired the little maiden's face looked then.

Our chatter ceased, and from a clean, but none too new a gown,
The child produced a shilling, and she gently laid it down.
"Please, mother says that father has to-day got work to do.
And so she sent me round at once to pay this bill to you.

"And mother is so sorry it has been so long unpaid,
That you would think she didn't mean to pay she was afraid."
I glanced down at the butcher's wife, and she took the bill
I saw her bonnie eyes of blue with tears begin to fill.

She signed the ticket; then she said, in tones not over steady,
"Just tell your mother that I knew she'd pay when she was ready.
Give her my love, dear, and just say that I am very glad
To hear the news, and take this home for supper for your dad."

The little maid blushed scarlet, she her thanks could barely speak,
For "this" was steak enough to last a navvy half a week.
And with it were two rashers from a gammon, freshly cut,
And I think I saw the shilling in the child's hand slyly put.

It was just the old, old story of an educated man
Out of work through illness, watching wife and children growing wan.
Thank God, the clouds are passing now, the man is doing well.
A note was sent to me to-day, the latest news to tell.

So it's merry, merry Christmas in that happy little home,
The wolf has left the doorstep, never more, one prays, to come;
And I fancy extra happiness will fall from heaven above
On my butcher's wife because she did an act of Christ-like love.

MADGE ST. MAURY.

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CLERIC AND WOMAN.

CONSTABLE'S SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS.

A sensational case was heard at Cardiff when Ellen White, 33, was charged with unlawfully wandering in Marlborough-rd. lane, Roath Park, and behaving improperly with Edwd. Rhodes, 42, a man of most respectable appearance, with a "top-hat" in his hand, who was charged with aiding and abetting.—Mr. G. F. Forsdike defended.—P.C. Gurney deposed that on the previous night he saw prisoners conversing in Marlborough-rd., and afterwards saw them in Blenheim-rd. Witness explained that he was a police-constable. The male prisoner struggled to get away, and said, "Look at my position." Witness said, "You will have to come to the police station," and accused replied, "Where are the witnesses? It is only your word against mine. Do let me go." In spite of the male prisoner's continued struggles witness got the pair into the road.

No Mistake.

—In answer to Mr. Forsdike, witness was certain he had not made a mistake, nor had he arrived at erroneous deductions.—Defendant said he had only been one night in the city, and he asked witness to go and see his friend, and ask him to get a doctor.—Mr. Forsdike: Did he say he was a clergyman of the Church of England? At the corner of the lane.—Did he say that, however innocent he might be, it would be a serious matter for him as a minister of the Church of England? No, sir.—Did he give you the sense of what I say? What did he say on the particular subject? He said, "Look at my position."—Did the woman make any reply? She looked on and hadn't much to say..—Defendant gave his evidence in a manner indicative of intense sincerity and earnestness of feeling. He said he was a clergyman, and broke his journey at Cardiff to spend a fortnight with a friend and his mother-in-law.—Defendant went to to say that at fifteen or seventeen minutes past seven on the previous night, whilst Mr. Bustin was at tea, and at his suggestion, he (witness) went for a walk in the direction of Blenheim-rd. — Mr. Forsdike: It is suggested you spoke to the woman in Marlborough-rd? — Defendant (emphatically): I did not.—It is suggested that you spoke to her and walked with her up the lane? I did not.—When you turned into Blenheim-rd. had you seen the woman? No; I saw lights in the Claude Hotel, but I didn't want light. I wanted to go into the fields.

An Appeal for Assistance.

Seeing a little bend up the lane I thought it would lead me further up Marlborough-rd. but when I passed the bend I found it did not.—How far had you gone up the lane before you saw the woman? About 20 yards, nearly to the first bend.—You saw the woman in front of you? Yes.—How far from you? Perhaps, 10 yards.—I suppose you walked at a sharp pace? At a good pace; I generally do.—And overtook her? Yes.—What happened? She asked for assistance, and looking at her and seeing her wretched condition, I asked, "Have you any work?" I thought, perhaps she was a charwoman. She said she had done only a little work for some time, that it was not sufficient, and that she was badly off, and I gave her no money.—Is that conversation all that took place? All—until I was accosted by the man in plain clothes.—After arrest you asked to see a doctor? Yes, five or six times. I earnestly pleaded for a doctor. I knew it was the only thing I could do.—To clear you or prove it? Yes, exactly. I said I would pay for a doctor, and then I remarked, "Fetch my friend, Mr. Bustin."—The Clerk: You were an innocent man, and the woman was innocent, and don't you think you should have at once appealed to her? I didn't think so.—It was a fearful charge? A foul and a grave charge. It never dawned upon me to appeal to the woman.—You had no idea of the character of the woman? No. I only thought that she was poor. —The Bench decided to convict both defendants, and impose a fine of 10s. and costs, or 14 days.—Rhodes asked if he could give notice of appeal.—Mr. Forsdike said he would deal with it.

MRS. MAYBRICK AT LAW.

SHE WINS AN ESTATE WORTH £500,000.

Mrs. Florence Maybrick and her mother, Baroness von Roque, have won their suit at Richmond, Virginia, to recover 2,500,000 acres of land in Virginia, worth £500,000.—This land was inherited from Baroness von Roque's first husband. It is alleged that after Mrs. Maybrick's arrest on the charge of poisoning her husband, Mr. David Armstrong, her American lawyer, dealt improperly with the estate. Mrs. Maybrick claimed that she signed a document under the impression that it disposed of only a part of the estate, whereas the lawyer claimed that all the property had been sold to him for £2,000.—The decision of the court at Richmond, Virginia, also instructs Mr. Armstrong to render an account of the administration of the estate to Mrs. Maybrick and her mother. The case has been pending for 20 years. It is expected that an appeal will be lodged, and the case carried to the Federal Supreme Court.

A FAMOUS TRIAL.

It will be remembered that Mrs. Maybrick was on Aug. 7, 1889, sentenced to death for murdering her husband, Jas. Maybrick, at Aigburth by poison. The trial was held at Liverpool before Justice Stephen. The sentence of death was subsequently commuted to penal servitude for life. Mrs. Maybrick was released from prison last year.

THE GUN CLUB.

There was a good muster yesterday at the Gun Club, when a field of 10 subscribed to a £2 handicap, with £10 added. Mr. Vernon Barker (29 yards) won with a run of 10. Mr. H. J. Roberts and Mr. Tunstall were the last to miss. The pool amounted to £30.

HORNIMAN'S CURRIE CURRY.—Immediately effective, almost in application. May be had in packets from all chemists, or will be sent post free on receipt of 1/1 by the Pomeroy Remedies Co., 256, Pitsea Street, Bethnal Green, E.C. Wholesale: Hartridge, Sons, London.—[Adv.]

PREFERRED DEATH.

RECOMMENDATION OF MERCY REJECTED.

For the murder of Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Denton, of Isleworth, on Oct. 31, Daniel Burke, 45, labourer, was sentenced to death by Justice Sutton at the Central Criminal Court. The jury strongly recommended him to mercy. The story—a tragic and sordid one—was told by Mr. Muir.—The murdered woman was the wife of

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an engine-driver on a steam tug, and they had been married 11½ years, there being five children. Prisoner made her acquaintance three years ago. Their relations were most intimate, but the husband was ignorant of it until 18 months ago.

Early Morning Murder.

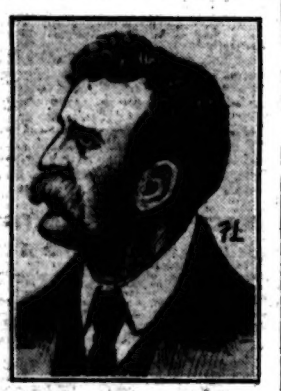
He was unable to prevent his wife and prisoner meeting, and left her on Oct. 15. Prisoner continued to visit her, and was with her on the night or early morning of the murder. He was seen leaving the house about 10 o'clock on the morning of Oct. 31. A short time afterwards one of the woman's little daughters drew the attention of a neighbour, Mrs. Thornton, who went into the house, and found Mrs. Denton lying on her back on the floor of the front room, bleeding from a wound in the throat. A carving-knife covered with blood was found in a drawer. The woman was taken to the hospital, paralysis set in, and she died from a broken neck some time afterwards.—The husband of the dead woman, Joseph Wm. Denton, of Napier-rd., Isleworth, a fresh-complexioned, curly-headed man, approaching middle-age, told the Court how when he first heard of the relations between his wife and prisoner 18 months ago, he met the latter outside the Red Lion and knocked him down.

A Broken Promise.

Prisoner promised to cease his visits, but did not keep the promise. Witness cautioned him several times afterwards, and was summoned at Brentford once for "paying him in the street." — Burke now told the Court that he had suffered from a disease on the brain and had been addicted to drink ever since he was a youth. Describing his relationship with deceased, Burke said, with a tremor in his voice, "There could not have been two more loving couples than we were.

Loved Her Too Well.

She wanted me to go and live with her altogether."—"Previous to this



JOSEPH WM. DENTON.

quarrel," he was asked, "had you ever had any quarrel with her?"—"Never; I loved her too well," was the reply.—Proceeding, Burke told of the woman's defiance of his wish that she should not go to a certain house. She rushed across the room, and he grabbed at her with both hands, catching her by the throat. Burke described in detail the struggle which followed, as related by him to the police. "I did not know what I was doing," he said, "I stopped and knelt down and kissed her twice, and then went and got my hat and coat and went out. I was like a man on live wire all the time." He had no intention of doing her injury; he loved her too much, he explained. "A second before it all happened we were kissing and laughing together," he added.

"I Prefer Death."

—After an absence of ten minutes the jury returned with a verdict of wilful murder against prisoner. —After the sentence of death was pronounced, Burke said:—"I am sentenced to death, and I hope the children will forgive me taking their mother away from them. They want a mother's care, and I hope Almighty God will forgive me taking her away from them. I don't want you to forward the recommendation to mercy, as I prefer death to imprisonment. —Judge: Certainly, I shall forward it. —Prisoner: I hope not. I do not require it, as I prefer death to prison. I hope her husband the next time he goes on a tug will fall off and be drowned.

A woman named Cook, charged yesterday at Marlborough-st. with interfering with and annoying gentlemen in Hyde Park on Friday evening, was sentenced by Mr. Mead to a month's hard labour.

ATHLETICS.

SOUTH LONDON H.

KNOTT SECURES THE CROYDON CUP.

Heavy going and a few extra fields of plough accounted for the comparatively slow times accomplished in the South London Harriers five miles Croydon Cup race at Selsdon. The trophy thus named is awarded to the competitor making the fastest time, irrespective of his position in the race. Yesterday, however, F. A. Knott, who was at scratch, won the Cup, and secured first prize in the handicap as well. The order of finishing was as follows —

F. A. Knott, scratch, 1; F. Sanders, 2min 30sec start, 2; S. F. Ayres, 40sec, 3; H. C. Stevens, 2min 30sec, 4; G. N. Mathie, 2min 15sec, 5; L. J. L. Pullar, 30sec, 6; F. D. Sowerby, 1min 5sec, 7; S. W. Walden, 6min, 8; G. J. Cumming, 1min 15sec, 9; P. D. Mathie, 3min 30sec, 10; C. G. Mathie, 2min 40sec, 11; A. H. Clarke, 2min 30sec, 12. A. R. Green (6min 15sec start) led for a little over a mile, when Walkden got by and kept in front until caught by Sanders at about four miles. Knott overhauled Sanders near home and won by about 12 yards; 60 yards separated second and third; 40 yards third and fourth. Winner's net time, 31min 20 4-5sec.

RANELAGH H.

PAGE CHALLENGE CUP.

At Putney Heath 34 of the 46 entrants for the five miles Page Challenge Cup race turned out under the auspices of the Ranelagh H. N. Broadbridge won with 3min 30sec start in the net time of 31min 0 4-5sec, beating W. J. Benton, (5min start) by about 120yds. C. Roffey, 1min 30sec, was third, and J. F. Lintott, scratch, whose net. time—27min 59 1-5sec —was the best in the race, finished fourth. Next came F. L. Whittingback, 1min 10sec, fifth, and A. M. Kettle, 2min 30sec, sixth. F. B. Thompson, 2½sec start, was 12th. His net time was 29min 6sec. Broadbridge made his effort at the Windmill, and, drawing away, won as stated.

HIGHGATE H.

A Five Miles' Handicap was decided by the Highgate H. from the Bull and Bush Hotel, Hampstead Heath. Fifty-one of the 57 entrants turned out, and after a capital race victory was secured by A. E. Carter, a promising young runner in fine style. Result:—A. E. Carter, 3min 5sec start (handicap time 24min 48 2-5sec), 1; A. S. Potter, 3min 20sec (25min 14sec), 2; H. Perry, 3min 40sec (25min 29sec), 3; A. E. Racine, 3min 25sec, 4; A. Morris, 3min 55sec, 5; C. H. Ruffell, 1min 20sec, 6; H. Fidgett, 4min 15sec, 7; H. Carter, 1min 45sec, 8; F. J. Ruffell, 4min, 9. Carter got in front 1½ miles from home and won easily by 60 yards. C. H. Ruffell took the first loser's prize, and A. Morris the Novices'.

POLYTECHNIC H.

There were 113 entrants and 80 competitors at the Polytechnic H. Five Miles' Steeplechase Handicap at Eastcote. R. Hancock took the lead from W. Tomblesson about two miles from home, followed by H. A. Miller and F. J. Mills, and although the latter tried hard to pass him in the last half-mile, Hancock won by 30 yards. The prize for fastest time was secured by R. C. Long, in Martin's time, scratch, and H. Philps and C. H. Cessford won the two Novices' prizes. Details: — R Hancock, 4min 25sec start (23min 22sec handicap time), 1; H. A. Miller, 4min 35sec (22min 28sec), 2; F. J. Mills, 2min 45sec (22min 7sec), 3; W. H. Hall, 1min 45sec, 4; W. Tomblesson, 5; H. H. Cooke, 2min 25sec, 6; J. A. Kilcoyne, 4min 15sec, 7; W. Tomblesson, 6min 15sec, 8; J. E. Joy, 3min 5sec, 9; C. M. Sampson, 4min 15sec, 10.

CAMBRIDGE TOWN AND COUNTY v. ESSEX BEAGLES.

At Cambridge, in an inter-club race over a 9½ miles course, Cambridge Town and County H. beat the Essex Beagles by 16 points to 23. A splendid race home resulted in A. E. Wood, Essex Beagles, winning from G. F. Page, Cambridge Town and County, by only a few yards. The order of finishing was: A. E. Wood, Essex Beagles (time, 59min 55sec), 1; G. F. Page, Cambridge Town and County (59min 59sec), 2; E. Furbank, Cambridge Town and County (59min 11sec), 3; F. A. Riches, Essex Beagles (59min 34sec), 4; P. G. Childerley, Cambridge Town and County (59min 44sec), 5; L. D. Drysdale, Cambridge Town and County (59min 54sec), 6; and W. Sheehan, Cambridge Town and County (60min 34sec).

BLACKHEATH H. FIVE MILES RACE.

The Blackheath Harriers decided a 5 miles Challenge Cup (scratch) race from their headquarters, The Green Man, at Blackheath. C. A. Glaeser led at the start, but he was passed by H. E. J. Southall at the Plough, the latter maintaining the lead and winning by about 30 yards. Following is the order of finishing:—H. E. J. Southall, time, 26min 23sec, 1; C. A. Glaeser, 26min 32sec, 2; and L. Lazrellie and R. W. Davis, third and last respectively.

Richmond H. and Feltham A.C.—Seventeen runners turned out for the 6 miles inter-team race between the Richmond Harriers and the Feltham A.C. at Richmond. Appended is the order of finishing of the first six home:—P. Bryant, Feltham, 1; W. Bradford, Richmond, 2; W. A. Pascall-Clark, Richmond, 3; W. T. Davis, Feltham, 4; C. Townsend, Feltham, 5; W. Lambert, Feltham, 6.

St. Mary's H. v. alliance H.—An inter-team race between these clubs over a seven miles course in the vicinity of Muswell Hill and Finchley resulted in favour of the former by 25 points to 32. The individual placings were: E. S. Carroll, St. Mary's H., 1; A. P. Carroll, St. Mary's H., 2; H. Lucroft, Alliance H., 3; J. W. Cornish, A.H., 4; J. Linnett, St. Mary's H., 5; R. T. Jacoby, St. Mary's H. 6. After Linnett and Cornish had taken turns at leading, Carroll went to the front about three miles from the finish and won a good race by nearly 100 yards. Time, 40min 20sec.

Archway H.—A six miles run at Highgate attracted a good muster of this club's members. T. Mitchell paced the fast pack and L. Haynes the slow. Mitchell was first man home.

United H.—This club decided a 5½ miles handicap in the neighbourhood of Totteridge and Barnet. Result:—J. Armstrong, 1min 30sec start, 1; J. Warner, 3min 30sec, 2; H. Bailey, 3min, 3. W. Louder, the limit man, led for four miles, when he was passed by Armstrong, who, however, quickly gave way to Warner. Close home Armstrong drew level and finally won a good contest by 8yds. Nett time, 41min 32sec.

Woodford Green H.A.C. and Priory H.—An inter-club between members of the above-named clubs took place at Woodford with the following result:—Woodford, 19 points, 1; Priory Harriers, 56 points, 2. The first three men home were E. C. Wood, Woodford Green, 39min 5sec, 1; J. Gilbert, Priory H., 39min 10sec, 2; E Day, Woodford Green, 39min 25sec, 3.

Hornsey-rd. A.C. v. Britain A.C.—These clubs joined forces in an inter-team contest over four miles in Highgate, resulting in a win for the Hornsey team by 24 points to 50. Individual placings: J. Burett, H.R., 1; T. Wood, H.R., 2; H. Grant, H.R., 3; H. Cashmere, H.R. 4; G. Allen, H.R., 5; W. Wilson, B.A.C., 6. Won by 10yds. Time, 22min 32sec.

Thames H. and H.—Several members of the Thames Hare and Hounds, in preparation for next week's race, ran over the long-distance challenge cup course, starting and finishing at Roehampton.

Herne Hill H.—At Eltham the Herne Hill Harriers decided a 4 miles walking handicap. E. J. Webb, the amateur seven miles champion, started, and finished eighth. Placings:—W. H. Ovens, 2min 15sec start, 5min 51sec handicap time, 1; F. C. Roberts, 3min, 29min 57sec, 2; L. G. Bamford, 2min 45sec, 30min 19sec, 3; R. B. Vaillant, 5min, 4; A. H. Brown, 5min 45sec, 5; T. P. Fox, 4min, 6. Ovens took the lead at three miles and won by 13yds.

Hampstead H. and Queen's Park H.—A combined run between these clubs attracted over 40 members at North Finchley. The distance was five miles. A mile race home for the Queen's Park members was won by B. Hives, while the Hampstead's mile went to A. E. Sunderland.

Finchley H.—Upwards of 20 members took part in a run over the five miles course at Neasden, in view of their race next week.

Wigmore H.—About a dozen members of this club turned out for a run of five miles at Hampstead.

ROWING.

Henley Royal Regatta.—The committee of management, at their meeting on Dec. 12, fixed the 1909 regatta date for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 6, 7, and 8, and foreign entries will be received only from those clubs belonging to associations having agreement with committee of Henley regatta.

West End R.A.—Racing in the divisional fours was continued at Hammersmith, the results being:—Heat 2: Cavendish R.C.: H. Putnam, T. West, W. L. Clabburn, R. G. Towers (stroke), T. P. Chamberlain (cox), 1; Kildare R.C.: W. Tolley Thomas, J. Herbert, J. Warwick, M. J. Blackwell (stroke), H. J. Green (cox), 2. Won by 2 lengths.

Grove House R.C.—This West-End club had fours at Hammersmith. The first heat went to C. Aubrin's crew, and the second was a dead heat between G. Marshall's and B. H. Cockrill's crews. In the final the judge could not decide in the dark, and the race will have to be re-rowed.

GOLF.

Edgware Club's Monthly Medals.—Senior: E. A. Groves, 82 net. Junior: W. A. Wiles, 1 net.

Hampstead Club's Monthly Medals.—Senior: H. R. Inman, 91 net. Junior: T. McKinnon Wood, 90 net.

Maidenhead Club.—Senior Medal.—E. J. Howard, 86 net. Junior: A. G. Marks, 86 net. Weekly Bogey Prize: T. J. Wootton, 7 down.

Brighton and Hove Club.—The medal winner's prize was won by C. E. Terry and he also tied with Baron P. De Worms for the De Worms Challenge Cup.

Royal Epping Forest Club's Monthly Medals. — Senior: J. Swan, 80 net. Junior: G. Morton, 83 net. Club prize: N. J. Chalk, 78 net.

Wimbledon Town Club.—M. V. Ely, J. Guest and W. Howell, tied for first place in the bogey competition, each all square.

Highgate Club.—The senio rmedal was tied for by G. C. MacMillan and R. Shankland at 85 net.

Gatwick Club.—The monthly medal was won by G. Baker with 86 net.

Sundridge Park Club.—The Senior Bogey Competition resulted in a tie between S. J. Minpress, Maj. S. H. Bowater, and A. S. Evens, at four holes down.

Thorpe Hall Club.—The monthly medal fell to G. S. Clayton, with 86 net.

Hanger Hill Club' Monthly Medals.—Senior: A. H. Proctor, 78 net; Junior: W. G. Verdon Smith, 93 net.

North Herts Club.—W. Bailey, 78 net, monthl ymedal.

Southdown (Brighton) Club.—Monthly bogey medal.—Senior: J. E. Dell, 3 down; junior: Jr W. Parker; four down.

Sideup Monthly Medals.—First Division: R. P. Gladstone, 83 net. Second Division: A. E. Leonard, 83 net.

West Herts Club Monthly Medals.—First Division: J. H. Crisp, 83 net. Second Division: A. K. Stevens, 88 net.

North Middlesex Club.—Third Qualifying Round for the Fuller Cup: M. W. Taylor, 78 net.

Enfield Club.—Gold Medal: R. B. Freeman, 80 net. Silver Medal: A. S. Westlake, 86 net.

Molesey Hurst Club.—Bogey Competition—Seniors: H. R. Parkes, 2 down; Juniors: N. Vickery, 4 down.

RACING.

NOTTINGHAM.—Monday.

ENTRIES.

CASTLE SELLING HURDLE—12 ENTRIES.

Mr. Stern's Country Girl, aged; Mr. Tomlinson's Berly, 5; Mr. Stanleys's Neutrality, 6; Mr. Milnthorp's Wise Love, 6; Mr. Brock's Heroine, 6; Mr. Carlton's Phidipides, 4; Miss Studd's Paul Pry, 4; Mr. Thomson's Palette, 4; Mr. McCalmont's Sea Fox, 6; Mr. Walker's Houghton Maid, 4; Mr. Romer Williams's Hardingstone, 4; Mrs. Brown's Historicus, 6.

TRENT SELLING CHASE.—8 ENTRIES.

Mr. Burke's Oh Yes, aged; Mr. Clayton's Banshee, 5; Mr. Hodgson's The Chemist, 6; Miss Woodland's The Awakening, 5; Mr. Brock's Heroine, 6; Mr. Wilkinson's Richard the First, 5; Mr. Tyler's Trilman, 5; Miss Studd's Paul Pry, 4.

CHESS.

ENGLISH COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

The deciding match in this competition between Middlesex and Yorkshire was played at Sheffield, and Middlesex won by 11 points to 6, Middlesex winning 9 games and drawing 4.

CANTERBURY v. CHATHAM.

The first teams of eight aside met in the County Cup Competition at Canterbury, and after a splendid contest Canterbury won by 6 games to 2. There was a grand game at board three, and the Chatham man won after a contest of nearly five hours' duration.

KENT v. SURREY.

This 50 a-side match was played at the Mecca in Chancery-lane, but neither could be said to be at full strength. Raymond, of Tunbridge Wells, drew with Guest at the top board, and just at the call of time Kent was 25½ to 17½. The adjudications, however, brought out the results: Kent, 27½; Surrey, 22½.

DRAUGHTS.

LONDON LEAGUE.

2nd Division.—Kilburn beat Rotunda by 5 points to 3.

3rd Division.—West-End beat City of London by 7 points to 5. Midland Railway beat Mildmay by 5½ to 4½.

4th Division.—Whitefield's beat West London by 9½ to 1½.

A friendly played between the City of London and Rotolph resulted in a win for the City by 9½ to 2½.

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP.

The annual Scottish Championship Tourney will take place in the first week of the new year, and, contrary to the practice of recent years, when the event has been open to all Great Britain players, will be confined to players resident in Scotland, this being with a view to ascertaining the best available talent to represent that country in the proposed International match with England.

LACROSSE.

Leigh (2nd), 4; Croyden (2nd), 1.
Clapham, 7; Highgate, 1.
Finchley, 7; Hampstead, 2.
Guilford (2nd), 5; Hampstead (2nd), 4.
Hampstead (3rd), 16; Woodford (3rd), 4.
Dulwich, 10; Blackheath (A), 5.
Hampstead, 19; Croydon, 3.

HOCKEY.

EAST v. WEST.

The first of the inter-territorial matches of the ladies' season was played at St. Albans, when the East met the West, with the result that the former won by 3 goals to 0. The West was a most unfortunate opening to the Eastern Counties' hockey campaign, for this was the first time that the West had been represented in a hockey match.

YORKSHIRE v. LANCASHIRE.

A large crowd assembled to witness this match between Yorkshire and Lancashire at Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield. Nothing was scored in the first half. Nicholson and Bond scored for Yorkshire in the second half, while Cray netted for Lancashire. The result was thus a win for Yorkshire by 2 goals to 1.

YORKSHIRE.

Whitkirk, 3; Sandal (A), 1.
Wortle, 5; Ben Rhydding, 0.
Roundhay (A), 5; Ben Rhydding, 3.
Lightcliffe, 5; Caldene, 5.
Yorkshire, 2; Lancashire, 1.
Ardsley, 2; Sheffield, 0.
Otley, 5; Bingley, 2.
Bowerly Bridge Ladies, 3; Hebden Bridge Ladies, 0.
Thoresby High School, 4; Modern School, 0.
Skipton, 3; Keighley, 2.
Ben Rhydding, 4; Roundhay, 1.
Shipley, 5; Guiseley, 2.
Baltaire, 5; Leeds Corinthians, 4.
Ripon, 5; Mirfield, 1.

Hounslow, 7; Slough, 0.
Hounslow (3rd), 4; Brentford (2nd), 3.
Westcliff, 4; Shoebury Garrison, 3.
Watford, 7; Novedians, 4.
Novedians (3rd), 3; Brondesbury, 1.
Shooters Hill (2nd), 5; West Ham (2nd), 0.
Caterham, 2; Wallington, 1.
North Middlesex (2nd), 7; Greenwich (2nd), 0.
Richmond (2nd), 4; Tulse Hill (2nd), 0.
Tulse (4th), 7; Richmond (4th), 2.
Hendon, 5; Hampstead, 0.
Harlesden, 1; Wimbledon, 1.
Kingston Hill, 6; Kingston Grammar School Old Boys, 1.
Blowe Park, 5; Northumberland Park, 3.
Oak, 4; St. Augustin's (2nd), 1.
Kingston Hill (2nd), 10; Kingston Grammar School Old Boys (2nd), 0.
Kingston Hill (3rd), 5; Ealing (3rd), 0.
Molesey (2nd), 3; Kew (2nd), 0.
Southgate, 3; Hampstead, 1.
Southgate (3rd), 6; Hampstead (3rd), 2.
Dulwich C.C., 4; East Sheen (2nd), 2.
Woodford (2nd), 3; Shepherd's Bush (2nd), 2.
Beckenham (4th), 8; Norwood (4th), 0.
Old Cricklewood, 4; Southgate (4th) Res., 2.
Melrose, 5; Old Cricklewood (2nd), 0.
West Ealing, 3; Gt Western Ry., 1.
Redhill, 7; Mr Walker's XI., 4.
Barnes, 5; Old Cranleighan, 2.
War Office, 6; Walton and Hersham, 2.
Forest Hill, 9; Thames Ditton, 0.
Ilford, 8; Feltham, 2.
Norwood, 4; Streatham, 2.
Brighton, 6; Seaford, 2.
Worthing, 5; Hastergate, 2.
Royal Garrison, 7; Bexhill, 3; Bexhill, 1.
Brighton Res., 4; Spartans, 2.
Norwood (2nd), 3; Streatham (2nd), 0.
Malden, 4; Wandsworth, 2.
Eastbourne, 5; Y.M.C.A., 0.
Teddington (2nd), 7; Brondesbury (2nd), 2.
Brentford, 5; Brondesbury (4th), 0.
Orpington, 5; St. James's (Blackheath), 2.
Old Augustinians (2nd), 8; Farrow's Bank, 0.
Kew Green, 3; Waddon, 3.
Kew Green (2nd) 12; Battersea Poly., 0.
Northumberland Park (2nd), 5; Wanstead, 2.
Forest Hill (2nd), 8; Tulse Hill (5th), 0.
Bromley (3rd), 5; Beckenham (3rd), 0.
Northumberland Park (2nd), 6; Bowes Park (2nd), 0.
Beckenham (2nd), 3; Bromley (2nd), 0.
Beckenham 4th Res., 6; Southgate 4th Res., 1.
Teddington, 5; Brondesbury, 2.
Teddington (3rd), 6; Brondesbury (3rd), 0.
Teddington (4th), 8; Shepherd's Bush (3rd), 0.
Molesey, 2; Kew, 0.
Loughton, 6; London Hospital, 1.
Mon. Artillery Vol., 7; Old Quintinians, 1.
Harlequins, 5; Brentwood, 0.
Barnes (2nd), 5; Croydon (2nd), 2.
Ealing (3rd), 6; Mr. Walker's XI. (2nd), 3.
Polytechnic, 5; Old Etonians, 3.
Old Elmhurstians, 4; Cricklewood, 1.
Foxhall, 4; O.W., (3rd), 1.
Ealing Park, 5; Royal School of Mines, 1.
Ealing Park (2nd), 2; Birbeck College, 0.
Olympic, 2; Polytechnic, 1.
Blackheath, 3; Clapham, 0.
Epsom and Ewell, 7; Guildford, 4.
Royal Military Academy, 7; Eldrocks, 3.
Strathmore (2nd), 5; James's, 2; Hampstead, 0.
Dorking, 5; Reigate Priory, 3.
Leytonstone (3rd), 5; Ilford Crankrock, 3.
Leytonstone, 6; Clapton, 2.
Beckenham, 3; Bromley, 2.
Long Ashton, 4; Kingswestons, 2.
St. Peter's (Clifton), 5; Alma, 1.
Weston, 25; Bristol, 0.
Imperial Ladies, 0; Arley Ladies, 0.
Southville, 2; Hallen, 1.
Thornbury Rangers, 6; Clifton Crusaders, 0.
Wintertourne Stoke, 6; Eastville Excelsior, 1.
Fishponds, 2; Swifts, 2.
Thornbury Rangers, 6; Filtrons, 2.
Most Gloucestershire, 2; Cheltenham Town, 1.
Novocastrians, 10; Sunderland, 2.

ANGLING.

YESTERDAY'S REPORTS.

A good deal of rain has fallen during the past week, and has slightly improved the rivers, but a thorough downpour is needed to wash away the weed and make them clear. Yesterday, the Thames and other waters were showing some colour, and if anglers can find a swim out of the wind good sport may be had. The fish, perch and chub have been feeding very well, and on some occasions nice takes of roach have been secured. Stormy weather has prevented fishing from the South Coast, and boats have been prevented from putting off during the past few days. Pier anglers, however, have enjoyed capital sport at most of the well-known resorts. Following are the latest reports from the various stations:—

THE THAMES.

TWICKENHAM.—River is now in good condition, and the prospects are more favourable. Roach are feeding at times, and fine gudgeon are taking good catches of dace rapidly.

HAMPTON COURT.—River has been improved, and the water is a nice colour. Jack and perch have been caught, and roach anglers should do well.

SHEPPERTON.—The heavy rains have put some colour in the water, but the river is still low. Fair catches of roach and a few jack have been caught.

OLD WINDSOR.—Water is showing a little colour, and better sport may be anticipated this week-end. Chub and roach have been caught.

BOVENEY MARLOW.—River is in fairly good condition, and the rains have improved sport. Jack up to 5lb. have been landed and also some good bags of roach.

READING.—Pike anglers have had fair sport, and fish of 10lb. and 9lb. have been captured. A specimen bream of 7lb. has been caught at Sulphide by Mr. J. Mayhead, of Reading. The fish has been forwarded to London for preservation.

THE LEA.

ST. MARGARETS.—The river is in good condition, and anglers have had nice bags of jack, perch and roach.

THE GREAT OUSE.

HUNTINGDON.—River is in condition for all-round fishing. Sport has been had with pike, perch and roach.

THE MEDWAY.

YALDING.—River is in very good condition, and pike are now well on the feed. Roach are also affording nice sport.

THE ARUN.

FULBOROUGH. — River is in good order, and the prospects good. It is reported that an angler has landed two pike of 25lb. 2oz. and 18lb. 2oz.

THE STOUR (KENT).

GROVE FERRY.—Nice rains have been fallen, and the river is in good trim for either pike or roach fishing. Pike up to 21lb. and good bags of roach have been had.

THE WEY.

GUILDFORD.—River has been improved by the rains, and the water is a nice colour. Pike and roach should feed well now.

SEA FISHING.

SOUTHEND.—Prior to the gale, the boats have been getting good bags of flounders and dabs. Good prospects when the gales moderate.

DEAL.—Sport has been good, and boat and pier anglers have taken codling, whiting and dat-dab.

HASTINGS.—Rough weather has been experienced, but there has been calm intervals, and boats have returned with good catches of whiting, codling and flounders.

BRIGHTON.—Pier anglers are still plentiful, and anglers have had good sport. Silver whiting are running a better size.

THE WEEK'S FIXTURES.

To-day (Sunday).—Blenheim, putting to Hare-field; Peckham Waltonians v. Walworth Waltonians, match at Walton; Stockwell, Xmas outing at Chertsey.

Monday.—Anglers' Benevolent Society, concert and prize distribution at the Portobello Tavern, Portobello-rd., Notting Hill; Piscatorial Society, house dinner and a paper by Mr. H. E. Moseley on "Flies, Natural and Artificial," at the Holborn Restaurant.

Tuesday.—City of London, pike and perch competition (roving).

Wednesday.—British Sea Anglers, conversazione in the Holborn Restaurant, Holborn.

Thursday.—Oglander, Christmas prize distribution.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

VESSELS REPORTED AT CUSTOM HOUSE UP TO 4 P.M. YESTERDAY.

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NAVAL AND MILITARY.

To-morrow, Capt. Madden, R.N., who lately gave up command of the Dreadnought and the post of Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet at the Nore, will take over the appointment of Private Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty.

To-morrow, Capt. H. S. Grant, R.N., who has of late been in command of the second-class protected cruiser Diana on the Mediterranean Station, will take over command of the Scottish Coastguard District, in place of Rear-Admiral Robertson, who vacates owing to his recent promotion to Flag rank.

Yesterday, Col. Evans, who lately gave up command of the 2nd Batn. King's Liverpool Regt., took over the appointment of Assistant Adjutant-General on the Administrative Staff of the Southern Command at Salisbury.

Yesterday, Maj. Kelly, who has of late been in command of the 137th Field Battery, was appointed Instructor in Gunnery, R.H.A. and Royal Field Artillery branch of the School of Gunnery; while Capt. Mackintosh was appointed Instructor in Gunnery, Western Coast Defences, at Pembroke Dock.

On Tuesday, the 2nd Batn. Liverpool Regt will embark on board the transport Rewa for conveyance to India, to be stationed at Sabathu. The transport arrives at Karachi on the 6th of next month, leaving on the 14th, bringing home the 1st Batn. Liverpool Regt. It is due at Southampton on Feb. 4.

On Tuesday, Capt. Evans-Thomas, who has of late been employed at the Admiralty, will take over command of the powerful new first-class battleship Bellerophon, which is about to be commissioned for service with the Nore Division of the Home Fleet.

To-day, Col. Duffin will complete his four years' service in command of the 2nd Batn. King's Own Royal Lancaster Regt., and will be succeeded by Maj. Hibbert, D.S.O., while Maj. Wolseley, nephew of Lord Wolseley, will become second in command of the corps.

On Tuesday, Capt. Beatty, R.N., who has of late been employed as naval adviser to the Army Council, will take over command of the first-class battleship Queen, which lately arrived home from the Mediterranean, when she was flagship of Sir C. Drury, lately commanding the Mediterranean Fleet.

The following appointments were notified at the Admiralty yesterday:—Capts. C. C. Fowler, G. B. Hutton, both to President, addl. for N course, to date Jan. 4. Commanders G. M. Keane, N. L. Stanley, both to President, addl. for N. course, to date Jan. 4; A. F. Dawson to Pembroke, addl. for Ghurka, to date Dec. 17, and to Ghurka in command on commissioning, undated. Lieuts. A. D. Cooper Key to Pembroke, addl. for Ghurka, Dec. 17, and as first lieutenant on commissioning; L. J. L. Hammond to be Assistant Inspector at Sheffield on staff of Chief Inspector of Naval Ordnance, to date Jan. 15; H. J. Orr to be Assistant Inspector on inspection Staff at Woolwich, to date Jan. 15; H. Greenwood to Vivid, addl. for Defence, to date Dec. 7. Staff Surgeon C. R. Sheward, M.B., to Majestic, to date Jan. 5. Surgeons W. H. Eagar, M.B. to Vengeance, to date Dec. 11; and J. Bradshaw to Magnificent, to date Jan. 5. Fleet-Paymasters C. H. A. Ward to

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THE HOUSEKEEPER.

Another Christmas Pudding.

Take a pound of the best raisins (stoned), and a pound of currants; chop a pound of fresh beef suet very small; blanch and pound two ounces of sweet almonds and half an ounce of bitter ones; mix the whole well together with a pound of sifted flour and the same weight of breadcrumbs soaked in milk. Squeeze this dry, and stir with a spoon until reduced to a mash before it is mixed with the flour. Cut into small pieces two ounces each of preserved citron, orange, and lemon peel, and add to them a quarter of an ounce of mixed spice. Beat up eight eggs, and put to them a quarter of a pound of moist sugar. Stir this up with the pudding, using sufficient milk to make it of a proper consistency. Pour a gill of brandy over the fruit and spice, mix well in a basin, and allow it to stand for three hours before the pudding is made, stirring occasionally. Tie the whole mixture up in a cloth, or put into a patent pudding basin, and boil for five hours.

Mincemeat.

There are various recipes for making the mixture for mince pies. One is to take two pounds of raisins (stoned), two pounds of currants, a pound of sultana raisins, 10 pounds of apples, three-quarters of a pound of sugar, two pounds of suet, the juice of two lemons, and the rind of one, chopped fine, a quarter of a pound of mixed spice, a gill of brandy, two ounces of citron, and two ounces of candied lemon peel. This should be made at once and kept until Christmas. Press the whole into a jar, and cover so as to make air-tight. Very good mincemeat of a less expensive kind may be made by omitting some of the ingredients, or halving the quantities of the more expensive ones.

Sack Mead.

To every gallon of water add four pounds of honey and boil it for three-quarters of an hour, carefully skimming it. To every gallon of the liquor add an ounce of hops. Boil it for half a day and let it stand overnight. Now put it into a cask and allow a quart of brandy to every 13 gallons. Stop it lightly till the fermentation is over; then bung it up close. The mead should stand in the cask for a year before using.

Rye Cakes.

Beat up two eggs lightly and mix them gradually with a quart of lukewarm milk, and sufficient rye meal to form a thick batter. Now stir in a teaspoonful of brewer's yeast. Cover it up and set it in a warm place to rise. If too thin, more rye meal must be added. When it becomes quite light and the surface is covered with bubbles, form into cakes and bake them on a griddle. These cakes are delicious eaten while warm at breakfast or tea.

Sally Lunns.

With two pounds of fine flour mix two dessert-spoonfuls of yeast and a little warm water. Leave it for half an hour to rise. Put two ounces of butter and the yoke of an egg into as much milk as will make it a proper thickness. Mix all well up and put into cups. When the cakes rise, bake them in a quick oven.

To Pickle Smelts.

Take about two dozen smelts and allow for this quantity half an ounce of nutmeg, a quarter of an ounce of mace, half an ounce of saltpetre, half an ounce of pepper, and a quarter of a pound of common salt, all beaten fine and mixed well together. Lay the smelts in rows within a jar. Between each layer of fish put a sprinkling of the seasoning and cover the latter with bay leaves. Boil a sufficient quantity of red wine to cover them. While boiling, pour it over them; cover the jar with a plate, and when cold make air-tight and place in a cool dry place.

To Make "Imperial."

An excellent drink which will keep for some time may be produced as follows: To one ounce of cream of tartar add the juice and rind of three lemons and six quarts of boiling water. Double or treble the quantity if more is desired. Put a little yeast with it and set it to work, then put by in the usual way.

Orange Wafers.

Stir together four tablespoonfuls of sugar, eight tablespoonfuls of flour, and the yoke of an egg. Then add a tablespoonful of butter which has been melted into a cupful of milk. Stir into this a pinch of salt and a full tablespoonful of fresh orange juice together with a little of the grated rind. Spread the mixture thinly on a buttered warm baking tin, and cook in a hot oven for a few minutes. When done, take out, cut into squares and roll them over a stick or a stiff paper tube. Put upon a sieve to dry.

Icing for Cake.

Here is another recipe for icing suitable for the decoration of Christmas cakes. Boil a pound of sugar in half a pint of water without stirring, until it presents the appearance of threads when run off a fork. Beat up the whites of two or three eggs, and upon them pour the syrup. Beat all together until cold, and the icing is then ready. A half-teaspoonful of cream of tartar added to the sugar and water prevents "sugaring." If a coloured icing is desired, a little beetroot juice or cochineal should be put into the sugar and water before it begins to boil.

Caramel Icing.

Mix one and a quarter cupfuls of brown sugar, a quarter of a cupful of granulated sugar, and a quarter of a cupful of hot water. Stir until all is dissolved, then let it boil until it becomes thread-like. Pour slowly upon the stiffly-beaten whites of two eggs, then beat until cool.

Vegetable Pudding.

Take six ounces each of raw scraped carrot, finely mashed potatoes, currants, flour, and beef suet. Mix well with the addition of a beaten egg and a little milk, and put into the oven to bake.

The Editor of the Home Page will be pleased to answer any questions relating to the above subjects. Letters must be clearly addressed "Editor, Home Page, 'The People,' Tallis-house, Tallis-street, E.C.," and each question must be accompanied by "The People" coupon (page 2), with name and address of the correspondent, which will not be published if a nom-de-plume be attached. No answer will be given through the post, even though stamps are enclosed.

DRESS.

Buttons still continue to form a favourite dress trimming just now, and, although more expensive and elaborate garnitures may be employed, the button triumphs, and is one of the prettiest and simplest adornments to coat-and-skirt costumes of cloth or serge. A popular one is of dress material, the mould covered being about the size of a halfpenny or a farthing. A favourite way of using buttons is to set them in double flights down the fronts of a coat or princess dress, and to arrange against them little loops of cord or braid to give the appearance of buttonholes. Trimmings of this sort are wonderfully effective, and cost practically nothing, since scraps of the costume material that would otherwise be useless serve to cover the button-moulds. Many charming little coats with open seams over the hips and at the back are trimmed thereabouts with buttons and bound with braid, and the fronts are of the popular cut-away type.

The eccentricity of fashion in many directions has advantages when renovation is in question, for any materials may be mixed, and small cuttings introduced in various cunning ways, so that a fashionable-looking dress may really be made up of remnants. Then again, the remains of an old fur stole or a muff that is no longer required for its original purpose, may be turned to account as the crown of a hat. Another hint on renovating a hat is to provide it with a full crown of any suitable material one may have put by. A blouse that may have served once as a "best" one can finish its career as the crown of a hat, for which purpose, too, a couple of net veils mounted over a more substantial foundation, will answer admirably. To refresh old veils dip them in weak gum-water and iron beneath muslin.

Two women never look alike in the same clothes. There are some who always appear neat and clean, no matter in what occupation they may be engaged, and others who present a dishevelled, untidy appearance, for the reason that they wear their clothes carelessly, and, when engaged in household work, do not take the trouble to protect their frocks by an apron or overall—a thing that prolongs the life of a dress to a considerable extent. Quite a new design for a household apron is shown in the "Mariette," a most comfortable, convenient, and economical design, avoiding superfluous material, but covering the frock where necessary. The apron is provided with sleeves that are gathered into cuffs at the wrists, and the bodice, as will be observed, is cut away under the arms, fastening with buttons and button-holes at the back. The skirt portion falls in a deep point in front, and is gradually sloped and cut away till it is considerably shorter at the back. It is stitched to a waistband, to which, also, the bodice is gathered, the band buttoning at the back. This, in white linen, is an excellent model for a cooking apron.

It has been said that sleeves date a dress almost more than any other portion of a toilette, for the reason that changes in sleeve-fashions are very pronounced, and a sleeve is a prominent thing. A bodice that is not quite up-to-date can be treated with fichus, braces, and other things which will conceal deficiencies; but the cut of a sleeve tells its own tale and cannot be hidden by trimmings.

CORSET-COVER.

THE "MARIETTE" APRON.

PRETTY SLEEVE.

The sleeve of the moment is long and tight-fitting, the end reaching to the knuckles and the shoulder just eased into the arm-hole to give a becoming but moderate fulness. Sometimes quite plain, this sleeve at other times is "drawn" across the arm all the way down, or tucked, as in the dainty model illustrated. The tucks are particularly becoming to a thin arm. This sleeve is suitable for cloth or any material, and represents a fashion well worth copying.

It is a well-known fact that the success of a dress depends, in a great measure, on the underwear. A well-fitting petticoat and a well-cut underbodice are two important details that will set off a dress to advantage. A blouse must be supported by an under-slip or corset-cover that will act as a nice foundation, as it were, to the blouse. At the same time it must be guiltless of anything approaching bulkiness, especially in the region of the waist. One of the simplest and prettiest corset-covers is the one illustrated on this page. It can be so easily made that it will appeal strongly to the girl who makes up her underwear at home. One of the chief features of the design is the way in which the bodice is drawn up at the neck—by means of a ribbon threaded through the material itself; and as to material, nainsook or some such washing fabric is best for ordinary purposes. It may be pointed out, however, that being so simple, the design is suitable also for white flannel or nun's veiling, and either of these materials would be preferable in the case of a delicate person. Eyelet-holes or button-holes should be pierced in the material and whipped over in the usual way for the threaded effect; while at the waist the bodice is drawn into a band of beading, also threaded with ribbon. A novel feature is the short sleeve, cut in one with the rest of the corset-cover and slashed up on the centre where it is laced across with ribbon.

It is pleasing to the woman who can afford to spend very little on dress to observe the extremely reasonable price of velveteen. For 1s. 0½d. the yard there are offered velveteens in all the fashionable colours, some with stripes (wide or narrow), others with wafer spots, and these make up with the effect of rich velvet at treble the price. A wafer spot or half-inch-wide-stripe velveteen in plum colour or violet makes up into charming blouses or coats to be worn with cloth skirts.

A great many things that are discarded as useless might be turned to profitable account if a little thought and trouble were given to the task. For instance, old kid gloves (the arms of them), if clean, may be used as facings to small turn-down collars of coats or bodices, or they may be made into little purse-bags.

When the foot of a stocking has worn into large holes, it will be found more economical to re-foot it with the sound part of an old stocking than to darn it.

How to Obtain Patterns.

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THE HOME BEAUTIFUL.

Fitment for Mantelpiece.

Our sketch this week gives an admirable suggestion for a useful and artistic piece of furniture wherewith to decorate a mantelpiece. The old-fashioned mirror, though lending an air of added size to a room, has little to recommend it. Moreover, it is utterly needless, at all events in a bachelor's room, whereas a fitment such as the one below provides places for books, letters and ornaments alike. It is quite a simple thing to make at home out of odds and ends, broken-up cases, etc. For its foundation a board the exact length of the mantelpiece-shelf is required, about a foot in width. The back portion on each side of the centre part should be from 8in. to 9in. high, while the miniature chest of drawers would be best from a foot to a foot and a half. The back of the fitment may be of lighter wood than the rest, as on this there is very little strain. Drawers being sometimes beyond the talent of the amateur carpenter, spaces may be left instead to form little shelves, which are almost as useful, and in this case a pretty effect is gained by placing over them a gathered silk curtain of some bright harmonising shade. On the other hand, empty cigar boxes make excellent drawers, only when these are used the measurements of the cabinet must correspond exactly with the boxes. The handles may be of ornamental brass, copper, or glass knobs. When the fitment is complete, stain it brown or ebony, or enamel it in a colour to contrast or match with the rest of the furniture, and, when dry, fasten it securely to the wall by screws.

BOOKSHELF.

HOME HINTS.

To Prevent Steel Rusting.

An excellent preparation for this purpose is to be made of hog's lard and camphor. Dissolve 1oz. of camphor in 1lb. of hog's lard. Remove all the scum, and mix with the lard as much black-lead as will give the preparation an iron-like colour. Iron and steel goods which are rubbed over with this mixture (left on for 24 hours) and then dried with a soft cloth, will keep clean and bright for months.

Foreign Christmas Trees.

On the Continent a Christmas tree is often made from a small fruit tree, instead of a fir. The branches are covered with cotton, and from them are suspended a quantity of brightly coloured balls, which are strung from branch to branch. The effect of the different colours against the white cotton is most successful. Sometimes the branches are covered in silver or gold paper, silver and brass bells being used in place of the balls. Fragments of cotton wool placed here and there lend the effect of snowflakes, and these are further embellished by a sprinkling of tinsel dust.

To Keep Flowers Fresh.

Cold tea-water is a good thing to use in vases containing cut flowers. A little saltpetre or carbonate of soda, mixed with spring water is also useful. When packing flowers, the stem of each blossom should be covered with damp cotton wool, and between each layer of flowers a covering of the same should be placed. When blossoms arrive after a long journey, they are best revived by warm salted water.

Dog's Bed.

The best bed for a dog is that which consists of cedar shavings. Where these are not obtainable ordinary deal shavings may be used. Dogs delight in tumbling about these until they have made a bed to suit themselves. Moreover, the shavings tend to keep an animal clean, and fleas and other insects are soon driven away by the odour of the wood.

THE NURSERY.

The "Bibi" Coat.

This is a pretty little garment suitable either for boy or girl babies of two to four years. It has the advantage of being exceptionally easy to make up, for the pattern contains no complications whatever, but is cut on simple, straightforward lines. The

THE "BIBI" COAT.

"Bibi" would be dainty in scarlet serge or navy, stitched with white, the collar being ornamented with tiny scallops edged with buttonhole stitching. As sketched, the pattern is only reefer length, but by cutting it out longer the coat may be made to come to the bottom of the frock or over, if desired.

"Train Up the Child."

If you want your child to be good and noble it is not enough that you surround him with what is good, so that he may imitate and grow like these—this would be only a "taking in." You must give him a chance for "giving out" the virtues. He must practice these.

CHIT CHAT FOR GIRLS.

Paying Debts.

Now that the end of the year is drawing near, it is time we should begin to settle up all our debts, so that we can start the New Year with a clear conscience. Girls should never have such things as unpaid bills. That goes without saying. Nevertheless, some do fall into this error, and it is to those in particular that my advice is directed. If you have any outstanding debts, clear them off—get rid of them, even if you have to deny yourself a few luxuries during the coming festive period. Above all, do not let yourself be led into further extravagances at Christmas, for though it is a time for fun and rejoicing, it is certainly not the time to run up bills. We should, all of us, endeavour to "wipe the slate clean" at the end of the year, and wake up on the 1st of January with the blissful knowledge that we are starting honourably, and taking, as it were, a clear road, which we mean to follow on to the end.

"Almond Bloom" for the Hands.

Here is a recipe for an admirable cosmetic for the hands. In 3 pints of water boil 1oz. of Brazil dust, which is to be had at the drug stores. Strain off and add 6 drachms of isinglass, 2oz. of grana sylvestria, 1oz. of alum and 3 drachms of borax. Mix all well together, boil again, and strain through muslin into bottles.

A Suggestion for a Christmas Gift.

If you wish to give something to a young married woman-friend, make a recipe-book for her. Buy a few sheets of ordinary brown paper, and form them into a book, binding them with a strip of pale blue or brown ribbon, ornamented at the top left-hand corner with a rosette or bow, to which a loop is attached. Now choose a quantity of really good and original household recipes from old newspapers, and paste them in alphabetically. Or, if you do not care for the recipe idea, fill the pages with poems, amusing storyettes and tit-bits, placing an illustration between each. The latter makes a most acceptable gift for an invalid who spends a good deal of time in reading.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

POSTIE.—I fear you can do nothing to improve it now.
S. S.—I have handed your letter to our Natural History Editor. See Page 2.
KIRBY.—This correspondent wishes for recipe for Golden Cake. Can any reader oblige?
H. JONES.—The only thing you can do is to add sugar to it when drinking.
R. O'BRIEN and JOHN.—Please look in "Miscellaneous," Page 2, for your replies.
DARTMOOR.—See Gardening notes, Page 16, for your reply.
MOLUS.—Ordinary lemon juice and water should remove the stains from the piano keys.
TROUBLED ONE.—I do not care to recommend hair dyes. Please consult a reliable hairdresser.
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JAY.—I have handed your query to our Natural History editor.
DARK DULWICH.—I am afraid you have no remedy which will not injure the colour of the blouse. Why not have the whole thing dyed?
E. W. TIMOTHY.—The article did not appear in "The Man Page."—Please write again and say where you saw it.
BEPPO.—The recipe for bitter beer appeared on Sept. 20. Copy may be had of publisher for 1½d. in stamps.
H. RAINSFORD.—Clay, well dried and powdered to dust, then mixed with boiled linseed oil, will not crack.
C. E. W. C.—Directions for the treatment of skins appeared on April 19 and Oct. 11. Copy may be had of Publisher for 1½d. in stamps. Sorry no space to repeat.
F. S.—Procure a 4/6d. tin of ebony stain and use according to directions, or apply several coats of ordinary blacking, which is really all that is necessary for the purpose.
VOICELESS.—Sports and Food, I believe, will deliver the German yacht to you at Hampstead on any week day. You might write and ask them. The address is Tadcaster, N.C.
TEDDY BEAR.—Directions for dressing skins were given on this page April 19 and Oct. 11. Copies may be had of the Publisher for 1½d. each in stamps.
BRILLIANTINE.—You can make an excellent and safe brilliantine for the hair by mixing some pure olive oil with an equal measure of good Eau de Cologne. Shake well before applying.
JOHN BULL.—You can only darken your grey hair by means of a dye, and I do not care to recommend hair dyes. Should advise you to go to a good, reliable barber.
SIMPLE.—The paste is laid on at the last moment while the cake is hot. Needs no cooking. You can obtain the mechanical for colouring at any grocer's or chemist's.
MILLBANK.—You have not put your question sufficiently clearly. Do you mean ordinary water colours or house paints, or otherwise? Please write again.
INDULGING JOKERS.—Please give your full name and address when asking questions. See our rules below. You should take your old prints to a professional restorer. To your second query the answer is yes.
RADNOR.—For the cashmere of the cape procure a cleaning bill from the chemist and use according to directions. The fur may be cleaned on the cape by means of warm bran well brushed in and out.
G.—Your models may be renovated with ordinary modellers' wax, which is made of white wax melted and incorporated with sufficient turps to render it malleable. I am unable to advise you fully as your letter gave no details.
PUZZLED.—Your most pressing one mouldy bacon-pig at this time of the year. Throw the lot from the window. They will keep only if you cover the top with clarified butter or lard, and then cover the jar with parchment, tightly tied down over. See page 2.
MISS JOHNSTONE.—Many thanks for the recipes you sent. Do you wish me to make use of them? The matter appears in writing and not typed by the Editor of the Home Page, except in cases where contributions are specially invited from readers.
W. SLATER.—You should have your teeth scraped by a good dentist. Failing this, try cleaning them three times a day with plain powdered chalk. Common soot will remove stains, but this must on no account be used more than once or twice a year.
K. (Chippenham).—You can make your flour self-raising by mixing 2 teaspoonfuls of the following powder to every pound of flour:—2 parts carbonate of soda, 3 ounces tartaric acid, and 3 ounces rice flour, mixed well together, passed through a sieve and kept in an air-tight tin.
MRS. A.—Peroxide of hydrogen is the thing to use, but this should only be applied by a thoroughly reliable hairdresser. If used by inexperienced hands the results of them are injurious. Borax helps to keep the hair light, but this again dries it up, and is not beneficial when applied often.
WILD ROSE WATER.—You can buy the soda water powders ready for use in soft grocers, with full directions printed on each. If you experiment with home-made powders in your soft water you run a fair risk of bursting it. The powders are not expensive, the cost coming out at about 1d. to 3d. each, according to size.
STRIPS.—To remove the white paint from your suit use chloroform, or if your clothes are washable, try putting over the paint a piece of wadding which has been dipped in turpentine; keep it on by means of a weight, such as a flat iron, for 6 or 8 hours; remove the paint, and clean the places with benzine. Take care not to use either of these near a fire or light.
R. J.—As many hair tonics have been given for the strengthening of the hair I am afraid I cannot tell which one you refer to. But perhaps the following may suit:—Eau de Cologne, 2 ounces; tincture of cantharides, 2 drachms; oil of rosemary, 10 drops; oil of lavender, 10 drops. This is Dr. Erasmus Wilson's prescription. To be rubbed into the scalp every day. Any oil will tend to darken the hair.
TELFORD.—In most large towns bronzing liquors can be purchased where chemicals are sold. To black bronze brass use a solution of the chlorides of platinum. Steel grey bronze is produced by a boiling solution of Chloride of Arsenic, green bronze by a solution of the nitrate of per-chloride of iron. In all these cases the bronze is first polished with nitric acid and scoured with sand and water, or it may be treated with a potash solution. To give you directions in detail for such work would occupy far too much space, but I hope the above notes will serve your purpose.
E. BUTLER.—I am giving you some recipes for meat pie crusts. Rub 1 ounce of lard and a little more than 1 ounce fresh dripping in a pint of flour, and mix with cold water to a stiff paste of this. Knead it and beat well with a rolling pin. Let it stand to cool before covering the pie, for you might melt the fat. Another way is to take 4 ounces butter. Break the butter among the flour and mix with it two beaten-up eggs and 1 gill cold water. Knead and roll out. This puff paste may be made of 1½ pounds flour and 1 pound butter. You can also use 1 pound flour and ½ pound butter. Cook any of these in a quick oven.
YOUNG WIFE.—Examine the pheasants at the vent. If that is open and green it is a sign of decay. Also if the feathers come out freely and the finger will peel off. If there is any suspicion of staleness, and you do not like to the trouble of drawing the birds, put them into vinegar and water before cooking. When choosing a turkey remember that a young turkey has smooth, black legs with a few hairs, a full, bright eye, and moist feet. Often the spurs are pared off or cut in order to deceive. Geese are best when young, and if you have to have one long-killed, the best will be very dry and the eyes sunken.

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IN THE COURTS YESTERDAY.

STORIES TOLD TO MAGISTRATES AND CORONERS.

COURT OF APPEAL.

HORSHAM MOTOR FATALITY.

Before Justices Darling, Phillimore and Walton the appeal of Harold Burnett Gylee from a conviction recorded against him at the Lewes Assizes by Justice Grantham was heard. Accused, who is an accountant in the employ of the Minerva Motor Co., and lives at Clapham, was sentenced to three months in the second division for the manslaughter of a girl named Denham, near Horsham, in August.—Mr. Marshall Hall, K.C., for appellant, said accused was travelling in a car with three ladies from London to Worthing, and about five miles from Horsham they saw approaching them a man named Denman, who was riding a cycle, his sister balancing herself upon the step of the machine. A moment afterwards the girl was killed, and the whole question was—how did the girl meet her death? Gylee stated that he thought the cyclist was going to turn into the same road as he was intending to traverse, and it was admitted by Denman that he tried to cross in front of the car.—The grounds for the appeal were that the defence was not put to the jury adequately in summing up; that a point of law was not stated to the jury; and that the admissibility of certain evidence was questioned. Counsel also said it was contended that the girl caught her skirt in the wheel of the cycle, and that caused the accident.—Appeal dismissed.

GUILDHALL.

A COMMERCIAL CHARGED.

A scene outside "Dirty Dick's" was described when Chas. Walton, 37, commercial traveller, of Old Ford, was charged with being drunk at Bishopsgate-st., and further with assaulting Mr. Appleby O'Hara.—P.C. 204 said he saw a large crowd assembled ouside "Dirty Dick's" public house in Bishopsgate-st., on Friday evening. Pushing his way through he found defendant, who was drunk, having an altercation with four or five men. He refused to go away, and when witness was about to "move" him on he rushed at Mr. Appleby O'Hara, striking him in the mouth. A scrimmage ensued, and witness had to take accused into custody.—Accused said that, as for striking the man, he did not see how he could, as he had a poisoned thumb on one hand and two dummies on the other.—Alderman: Is prosecutor here?—Accused: No; I told him he need not attend.—Fined 10s. and 7s. 6d. for the doctor's fee.

OLD BAILEY.

"THE OLD, OLD STORY."

"Whenever a person is caught running away from the scene of a robbery his cry is, 'I am not the thief; I am running to catch him!' This is the old, old story—in fact it has been heard for the past 400 years," were the observations of the Recorder (Sir Forrest Fulton) when Chas. Hill, a dock labourer, stood convicted of being concerned with three other men (not in custody) in a robbery with violence on a Swedish sailor, Anton Ollika, and stealing from him 18s. The robbery took place at 1.45 a.m. at Limehouse. Hill ran

INTO THE ARMS OF A CONSTABLE

in trying to escape. He said, hearing the police whistle, he was taking up the chase after the thieves, but two police officers who had witnessed the occurrence positively identified him as one of the sailor's assailants.—Det.-sergt. Lee said Hill was one of a gang of thieves who infested the neighbourhood of the docks. Women first decoyed drunken sailors in certain houses, and the gang afterwards waylaid and robbed them.—Hill: I am innocent of this charge, my lord.—Judge: But the jury think differently.—Twelve months.

BOW-STREET.

ALLEGED FRAUD AT THE LYCEUM.

A singular case came before Mr. Bennett. Hy. Watson, of Sawyer-st., New Kent-rd., being charged on remand with attempting to obtain money by false pretences.—Prisoner represented to Mr. Carpenter, of the Lyceum Theatre, that he had been given an engagement by the manager of the Opera House at Northampton to go on tour in a play called "The Nameless Child." He asked Mr. Carpenter to advance him 12s. 6d. to enable him to take his boots out of pawn and travel to Northampton. Mr. Carpenter ascertained by telephone that there was no truth in prisoner's story, and gave him into custody. — Accused committed for trial.

WESTMINSTER.

GAS COLLECTOR'S DOWNFALL.

Distressing statements were made when Hbt. Hy. Tomlinson, late collector for the Willesden District of the Gas Light and Coke Co., surrendered to bail to answer charges of embezzlement. The original charge on which defendant was arrested was one of falsification of accounts, but Mr. Humphreys, solicitor for the prosecution, said the minor offence only would be proceeded with, so that it could be disposed of summarily. Defendant's salary was £295 a year. Mr. Humphreys said the directors were aware of circumstances that justified him in taking the unusual course of not pressing the charge.—Dr. D. Y. Clarke, of Willesden, deposed that defendant had been suffering from

NERVOUS BREAKDOWN.

—Mr. J. Furniss, J.P., and many other well-known residents of Willesden and neighbourhood, testified to the high character defendant had borne for many years.—Mr. Pierron said defendant was a married man with a family. Over £25,000 a year had passed through his hands. He had been foolish enough to borrow money lately, making his account straight at the end of the quarter. This folly had ruined him. He forfeited character, a pension — nearly due—of £200 a year, and a sum of £400, which he had paid into a guarantee fund. He asked that defendant might have a chance of retrieving his character.—Mr. H. Smith thought he was justified in accepting defendant's recognisance to come up for judgment if called upon.—Mr. Pierron at once handed the £75 belonging to the company to their representative. — Mr. Humphreys accepted it as it was the shareholders' money.

THAMES.

HUSBAND'S BRUTAL ACT.

A month's hard labour, without the option of a fine, was the sentence passed on Edwd. David Overbury, 34, of Joanson-st., for assaulting his wife Hannah.—Prosecutrix said that on Friday evening her husband asked her where she had been, and on witness telling him that she had been to settle up some accounts with her lodger he called her a liar, and threw a cup at her, striking her on the nose. She went to a doctor's to have the wound dressed, and her little boy fetched a constable.—Mr. Dickinson said he had previously warned prisoner as to his treatment of his wife, for which he had been previously bound over. The magistrate added that it was a lucky thing that prisoner did not stand in the dock on a more serious charge.

MARLBOROUGH-STREET.

LADY CHARGED AND FINED.

Mrs. Lydia Gooch, 38, well-dressed and giving an address in Gower-st., surrendered to her recognisances accused of having been drunk and disorderly in Charing Cross-rd. at about 1 a.m. on Saturday Dec. 5.—P.C. Woodeford's evidence was that he found the lady considerably the worse for liquor. She spoke to two gentlemen who were together, and who resented her conduct. She was then taken in charge, and found to have a bottle containing brandy in her possession.—Mr. Plahl, in defence, said the charge was emphatically denied, as Mrs. Gooch declared she had had no alcohol that day. The brandy she had in her possession was handed to her by her husband, a medical student's coach, to take home, as she had been medically advised to take it. He had been detained at his office in Gower-st., and asked her to meet him outside the Ritz Hotel, Piccadilly, with a view to going home to Kensington by cab. She was arrested on her way to the Ritz, the gentlemen mentioned having spoken to her, not she to them.—Dr. McCarthy, of Gower-st., spoke to having attended Mrs. Gooch, who was nervous and excitable and otherwise unwell for about six months. He had prescribed a mixture containing chloroform and morphine, and ordered her to take brandy.—Mr. Mead having heard evidence at great length, fined Mrs. Gooch 40s., with 23s. costs.

MARYLEBONE.

A MIDNIGHT ADVENTURE.

The smartness of a constable resulted in Jas. Shutt, 35, of Hall-rd., Paddington, being charged with attempting to commit a burglary at 1, Somers-pl., Hyde Park; also with being in the possession of housebreaking implements by night.—P.C. Yendell said he saw prisoner loitering in Somers-pl. at 11.30 the previous night. When accused observed him he walked away. At 12.15 witness again observed prisoner. An hour later the officer saw him going into Somers-pl., so he concealed himself and kept watch. Then he lost sight of prisoner. Having got assistance the areas of the houses were searched, and accused was found in that of No. 1. Asked what he was doing there prisoner replied, "I'm here to break in, of course. You gave me a good chance to get in." Accused having been induced to climb over the railings into the street, he was arrested. On the way to the station prisoner said he did not know there were shutters on the other side of the windows of the house. At the station accused produced a "jemmy," wax taper, key, and chisel.—Remanded.

WEST LONDON.

AT A SUFFRAGISTS' FLAT.

In a charge against Thos. Kelly, 39, of being in the unlawful possession of a quantity of ladies' clothing and some articles of jewellery, supposed to be stolen, P.C. Taunton stated that he saw prisoner on Friday evening staggering along Bayonne-rd., Fulham. He was shouting, and witness requested him to keep quiet. He then noticed that the man was carrying a bundle under his arm, and that a "Votes for Women" badge was protruding from the parcel. Witness said he would take him into custody, whereupon accused struck him in the mouth. Witness closed with him, but he broke away and kicked him on the thigh.—Assistance arrived, and with some difficulty accused was taken to the station.—Insp. Barmsey said on Thursday there was a burglary at a flat in Greyhound-mansions, Lillie-rd., and there was reason to believe that the clothing found on prisoner was part of the stolen property. The flat, added the inspector, was found on fire.—Remanded.

OLD-STREET.

WHO CLAIMS THE SILK?

Giving the name of James Smith, a respectably-dressed young man, was charged with being in possession of four pieces of silk, valued £5, and unable to give a satisfactory account of it.—Det.-sergt. Mould said that, with Det.-sergt. Cook, he was in Whitecross-st. on Friday afternoon, when prisoner, carrying a parcel, and a man, not in custody, passed them, going towards Chiswell-st. The men were lost to view in the traffic for a time, but a few minutes later witness was walking along Whitecross-st. when he saw the "friend" of prisoner come out to the door-step of a coffee house, look up and down the thoroughfare, and then make a signal to someone inside. Then prisoner came out carrying a parcel, and the two walked towards Chiswell-st. The man not in custody saw witness and ran away, but witness caught prisoner who, when questioned, said: "That man who has run away knows as much about it (the parcel) as I do. He asked me to carry it to Chiswell-st." Inside the parcel were the four pieces of silk. When charged, prisoner said, "All right."—The magistrate asked if the silk had been identified.—Det. Mould: No, your worship. We should like a short remand to trace the owner.—Remanded.

TOWER BRIDGE.

COMMITTAL OF A CASHIER.

After several hearings, Roger Bowles, aged 41, managing cashier, Gresham-rd., Brixton, was committed for trial, charged with embezzling the moneys of his employer, Mr. A. Joseph, rag and metal merchant, Earl-st., Southwark.—Evidence was given that prisoner had embezzled numerous large sums of money, amounting altogether to nearly £7,000. He received a weekly salary of £6 10s., with a luncheon allowance of 12s. in addition, but it was alleged that he paid his rent, repairs, gas, and tailor's bills, school and apprenticeship fees for his children, and other personal liabilities, out of funds belonging to his employer. When challenged prisoner at once admitted the charge, and said it might have been £20,000 if he had not been found out. He had been blackmailed, he explained, by a woman and her mob, and his life had been a misery.

GREENWICH.

SCENE IN THE KITCHEN.

Serious allegations were made against John Wm. Bradley, of 68, Sandhurst-rd., Catford, who was summoned for indecently assaulting Ada Venner, aged 20, of the same address.—Complainant, a domestic servant, now employed at Mount Pleasant-rd., Lewisham, said that on Dec. 2 she was in the kitchen of defendant's house when he came in. He asked, "Is anyone in?" and she said, "No." Defendant twice asked her, "Will you kiss me," and she said, "No." He pushed her against the wall and kissed her. She struggled to get away, but he assaulted her. She got away, and he then gave her 3d. to pay her fare to a place where she was going in search of a situation.

TOLD HER NOT TO TELL.

He told her not to tell Mrs. Bradley, and she said she would not do so. Witness waited in the front garden all the afternoon until 5.30, when she told defendant's eldest daughter what had happened, and when Mrs. Bradley returned she gave her the 3d. and told her of her husband's conduct.—Cross-examined, complainant said that her hair was down, and she was combing it, when defendant went in. She did not push against him as he was stooping to his shoes.—Defendant denied the allegation, and said he gave the girl 3d. "to help her on the road." Complainant, he said, helped his wife to move from one house to another without his knowledge. His life had been a misery for four years.—Remanded on bail.

LAMBETH.

INSURANCE AGENT'S FRAUD.

Marriage with a widow having eight children was attributed to be largely responsible for the appearance of Louis Augustus Greenwood, 29, an insurance agent, of Crofton-rd., Camberwell, who pleaded guilty to obtaining 2s. 6d. by false pretences from Rose Dickinson. — Mr. David Nimmo, prosecuting, said that accused on Dec. 6 last was engaged by the Northern Equitable Insurance Co. (Ltd.) as a canvasser at £1 a week and commission, and on Aug. 8 he was dismissed on account of a shortage in his accounts. After his discharge the company received a large number of complaints from small shopkeepers all over London that defendant had taken proposals from them for burglary, plate-glass, and fire insurances, and had collected premiums from them, representing that he was an authorised agent of the company. For those premiums prisoner did not, of course, account to the company.—Mr. F. K. Ferguson, chief clerk to the insurance company, said that some 31 complaints were received from different people. — Mr. Sydney, in mitigation of punishment, pointed out that prisoner's responsibilities were greatly increased by his marriage with a lady with a large family, and his explanation was that in his efforts to provide for them he was tempted to do what he had done. —Three months' hard labour.

SOUTH-WESTERN.

IMPROPER PHOTOGRAPHS.

For the sixth occasion Mr. De Grey resumed the hearing of the summons against Hermann Karl Wilhelm Erdmann, trading as Erdmann and Schanz, photographic publisher, 109, Bedford-hill, Balham, alleging he had sent postal packets containing improper portraits through the post.—It was stated that the prosecution was taken mainly to safeguard the morals of the postal officials.—Mr. Stroud supported the summons and Mr. Yelverton defended. The defence raised in the case was that the photos were in no way indecent; that they were used for artistic study by artists and art students, and that no more objection could be raised to them than illustrated medical books which passed through the postal channels without comment.—Mr. A. Lys Baldry, late art critic of "The Globe" newspa[illegible] Montfoid, the sculptor, and other professional gentlemen spoke as to the artistic character of the pictures, which, in their opinion were in no way indecent.—Mr. De Grey, in giving judgment, thought some of the photos were suggestive and inartistic. He fined defendant £10 on each of the two summonses, £20 in all, and £10 10s. costs.

BRENTFORD.

AN EALING ELOPEMENT.

The story of an Ealing elopement was told when Herbert Samuel Hope, 38, a gardener, of Church Gardens, South Ealing, was charged with deserting his wife and child and leaving them chargeable to the union.—Mr. Stephens, for the guardians, said prisoner was the father of four children, and on Nov. 24 left Ealing with a young woman. When his wife heard of his elopement she was prostrated, and, after being seen by a doctor, was sent to the workhouse, where, with the youngest child, she remained until she got better. Mr. Stephens added that he had in his hand a batch of letters couched in the most affectionate terms from this girl to prisoner, and as a matter of fact these had been taken from his pocket by his wife.—Hope: I didn't intend to desert her.—Mr. Stephens: One of the letters found in the pocket of this man was from the girl, actually fixing the time to bolt.—Hope was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour, whereupon a young woman sitting at the back of the court fainted, and had to be carried out by a policeman.

NORTH LONDON.

A FREE "KIP."

"We only went in for a kip" (sleep), was the plea of Geo. Smith, 17, milk carrier, and Wm. Hatfield, 17, veneer cutter, who were charged as suspected persons found on the premises, 23, Queen's-place, New North-rd., Islington.—Alf. Neat, an umbrella-cover cutter, of Queen's-place, said on Friday evening he saw prisoners come out of the back window of No. 23, which was unoccupied. He jumped over the wall and "claimed" them, and sent for a policeman. — Det.-sergt. Tanner said both prisoners were under the Probation Act at the present time.—Remanded.

WILLESDEN.

A WIFE'S SORRY PLIGHT.

A pitiable plight of a married woman was described when Wm. Bunting, 32, a navvy, of Kilburn-lane, was charged with assaulting his wife by kicking her in the stomach and striking her on the head.—P.C. 126 X said that after knocking his wife about prisoner forced her out of the house at one o'clock in the morning with only a mackintosh and one stocking on. She walked some distance before finding witness, and was then in such a pitiable plight that a 'bus-driver going home turned round with his 'bus and drove her back to the house, and afterwards to the police station, where she charged her husband. — Prisoner, who laughed in court at his wife's sorry plight, was remanded in custody.

KINGSTON.

BEGGARS' PARADISE.

The Royal borough is regarded with favour by mendicants, for this week no fewer than seven have been discharged for begging.—In addition to being discharged one woman yesterday received half a crown from the chairman (Mr. H. Cock). Her name was Florence Williams, who was charged with begging in Clarence-st.—Det. Meaton said that accused, who had a boy with her, was singing, and when he spoke to her she told him she had come from Windsor, and was trying to get a few halfpence together. Before he took her into custody accused, said witness, had to go and tell her husband, who was in a public-house, where she was going.—The husband said that he had been on the road trying to obtain work.—Accused, asked what she intended to do, said that she supposed they would have to return to Reading.—Discharged with a caution.

INQUESTS.

LOVE AND SUICIDE.

Suicide while of unsound mind was the verdict at an inquest held by Mr. W. Schroeder on Herbt. O'Flanagan, 22, barman, who died in the Great Northern Hospital on Thursday from the effects of poison self-administered. —Deceased's father stated that his son had been worried lately owing to his sweetheart having "given him up." Deceased threatened to take his life by drowning because he could not live without the girl.—Ernest Howard, manager of the Eagle public-house, Seven Sisters-rd., where deceased was employed, said that on Monday evening deceased, instead of going to bed, went out and did not return till after midnight. He was accordingly discharged.—Fdk. O'Flanagan, a brother, said that on Wednesday evening he met his brother staggering in the street, and later found that he had taken laudanum. — Emma Ball, of Hornsey, said she had refused to "make it up" with deceased. On Wednesday night he appeared strange in his manner and gave her a letter saying it would be his last to her. Inside the letter was a present that she had given to him which he was returning.—In a letter to his mother deceased wrote:—

I hope that you will not trouble about me. I have taken poison. I can't last any longer. I have had to appear jolly before everybody, but I have been just the opposite. I got the sack from the Eagle, but did not like to tell you. What with one thing and another I cannot stand it any longer. Do not blame Emma, for she is one of the best. Good-bye to one and all.

IS IT GLANDERS?

An inquest was held at Chelsea on Amy Sarah Robinson, of Claybon Mews, Cadogan-sq., who died under rather strange circumstances.—Wm. Crockford, a chauffeur, said deceased was a cook. On Nov. 16 she complained of a sore throat and died on Sunday. On Oct. 27 witness's little boy was taken ill, and on Nov. 3 witness and his wife also became unwell. His wife had only just recovered, but witness and his son soon got over it. They all lived in the same house. The drains were examined in consequence of the illness, but everything was found to be in proper order.—Dr. Frankish said he at first thought she was suffering from influenza, but later glandular runnings developed. Subsequently Dr. Parkes, medical officer of health for Chelsea, suggested that the symptoms were those of glanders.—Dr. Spillsbury, pathologist, said the cause of death was acute blood poisoning, but it was impossible to say the origin. It was possible that glanders was the cause of death.—The coroner said it was urgent that such a matter should be cleared up, as glanders were getting more prevalent.—Case adjourned.

BURNT TO DEATH.

At Battersea, Mr. J. Troutbeck held an inquiry on Ellen Harbour, 70, widow, of 37, Wayford-st., Battersea, who died in the Wandsworth Infirmary from the effects of burns.—Kesiah Wakefield stated that on Nov. 1 deceased called her, and on going to her room she found the old lady in flames. She said she went to get something off the mantelpiece and fell into the fire. Two years ago she had a stroke of paralysis, and was very feeble.—Dr. Neal said deceased died from exhaustion following the injuries.—Verdict, accidental death.

GAME SHOOTING.

JUDGMENT AGAINST SIR W. BARTTELOT.

After a hearing lasting six days, in the King's Bench Division, a special jury returned a verdict in favour of Mr. Fdk. Marcus Modera, of Chester-sq., in an action he brought against Sir Walter Barttelot, Bart., of Stopham House, Stopham, Sussex, and awarded him £400 damages.—The suit was for alleged breach of warranty and misrepresentation. The dispute arose out of the taking by plaintiff of the game preserves and the house at Stopham from Aug. 9, 1907, to February, 1908. The rental for this term was £810, of which £600 was paid down. Mr. Modera complained that defendant's agents, Messrs. John D. Wood and Co., of Mount-st., and Mr. Beville Molesworth St. Aubyn, Sir Walter's agent, with whom he negotiated, made representations which were not warranted, and he also asked that the agreement into which he entered should be cancelled. Defendant denied the charges, and counterclaimed for £240, of which £210 was balance of rent.—Mr. J. Eldon Bankes, K.C., Mr. Holman Gregory, and Mr. R. A. Gordon were for plaintiff; while Mr. Montague Lush, K.C., and Mr. Chas. M. Pitman appeared for defendant.

A Considerate Jury.

In the course of his summing up, his lordship said that one thing must have struck everybody who had heard the case, and that was that Sir Walter Barttelot, who was necessarily made a defendant, at all events came out with clean hands. He was only responsible, like anyone else, for the

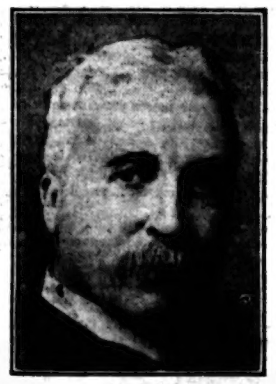
MR. MODERA.

acts of his servants.—The jury were absent from the court half an hour, and on their return the foreman announced that the verdict was for Mr. Modera, with damages as stated above.—At the request of Mr. Lush, his lordship asked whether the jury found that there had been fraudulent misrepresentation. — The foreman replied that the jury had thought the matter over very carefully, and had decided to leave the question of misrepresentation out of the case altogether, so that there should be no stigma on anyone's character.—Mr. Lush asked if judgment could be entered for plaintiff on that verdict.—Mr. Bankes: I ask for judgment for Mr. Modera.—His Lordship: I think I will enter judgment for plaintiff. That does not prevent you, Mr. Lush, from a future course. —Judgment was accordingly given for plaintiff, but a stay of execution was granted on the usual terms, leave being given to appeal. Costs were ordered to follow the event. On the counter-claim, Sir Walter Barttelot was given judgment for a sum to be agreed upon.

DEATH OF MR. SHEIL.

WELL-KNOWN STIPENDIARY PASSES AWAY.

Mr. Jas. Sheil, one of the London stipendiary magistrates, who retired about three years ago, died yesterday at his chambers in King's Bench Walk, Temple, at the age of 79. He had been suffering for some months



MR. JAMES SHEIL.
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from cancer. Mr. Sheil was called to the Bar in 1852, and became a Bencher of Gray's Inn in 1884. He was appointed stipendiary for Hammersmith and Wandsworth in 1879. Seven years later he was transferred to Southwark. From 1890 to 1904 he acted as stipendiary at Westminster.

MURDERER'S APPEAL.

The application of John Jas. Fairbrother, of Westcott, Dorking, Surrey, for leave to appeal against sentence of death for the murder of his wife was refused by the Court of Criminal Appeal (the Lord Chief Justice and Justices Phillimore and Ridley). The jury strongly recommended prisoner to mercy, but that, said the Lord Chief Justice, was for the Home Secretary to deal with.

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HOTEL TRAGEDY.

MAN AND WOMAN DIE TOGETHER.

A terrible double tragedy has been committed at the Curzon Hotel, Cavendish - place, Brighton. Two days before a lady and gentleman arrived at the hotel. They were stylishly dressed, carried travelling dressing-cases, and gave the name—afterwards found to be assumed—of Mr and Mrs. Roberts, of Ilford, Essex. Next day they spent a great deal of their time out of doors, and little was seen of them in the hotel. The day following the servants noticed that the two visitors had not appeared at breakfast, and accordingly went up to the bedroom. The door was securely fastened, and as repeated knocks elicited no response an entrance was forced. The process was unusually difficult, and it was found that some of the furniture had been piled against the door and formed a barricade.

Both Shot Dead.

A glance at the bed revealed the whole tragedy. The woman was lying in bed, with two bullet wounds in her breast. The body of the man had fallen backwards across the foot of the bed, and by his side was a revolver. On a table lay a hastily-written note, timed 5.45 a.m., stating that the couple had resolved to die together, and giving directions as to the disposal of their property. Medical assistance was obtained, and the bodies were carefully examined. When the body of the woman was moved from the bed it was found that five pink carnations and five white chrysanthemums had been placed on the pillow.

The Inquest.

A most remarkable letter was read at the inquest on the two victims:—

Herbert Cammell Ransom, a shipping clerk, of Wellesley-rd., Ilford; and

Elsie Gertrude Hitchcock, a nurse, of Chestnut-avenue, Forest Gate.

—The inquest was conducted by Mr. J. E. Bush.—The coroner, in charging the jury, named deceased man as "Herbert Roberts." The death of the young woman was inquired into first. —Nellie May Hitchcock, a trained nurse, of Crescent Wall, Norfolk, sister of deceased woman, said the latter had never named Mr. Roberts to her. Witness identified the following letter, which the coroner read:—

My dear Nellie,—It is with the most profound regret that I pen these miserable lines to you. I met your dear sister three months ago, and love her as no man ever could, or has my love been first and hers second. Having left my firm of business after many years, and being unable to obtain other employment, or to make a home for her and my dear one, and being unable to part, we have decided to go together. My dear child makes the biggest sacrifice any woman can make for any man. So, dear child, it is because she knows I want her, and knows that I can't live without her that she makes the sacrifice. Believe me, she is the best woman anyone can imagine. We came to the hotel yesterday, and spent 24 most happy hours together, any two could spend. Though the world may judge us hardly, this is the first time she, my dear child, has ever strayed from the paths of righteousness and truth. And it was only to make me happy that she and I were together. Her whole life has been one merely to keep others, irrespective of the happiness of herself. Dear Elsie was not wholly happy, but she was not unhappy so long as we were together. She is so loving and kind. I dare not presume to ask your forgiveness for myself. That I never be, but on behalf of Elsie do honour her. She knows no sin, and was all honour. Good-bye, Nellie dear. I should like to have met you, as I think you would have been as good as my own Elsie. We went to the church at Rottingdean and knelt at the altar and prayed for God's forgiveness there. We both thought of you and prayed God to comfort all those we have left behind. Please see to it that she is buried in the wedding-ring she now wears.—Good-bye, my darling, good-bye,

BERT ROBERTS.

Roberts or Ransom?

The body of Roberts was identified by Robert Ransom, of Forest Gate. His said deceased had lived with him and his wife. Witness knew him only as Bert Roberts. Witness understood him to be a widower, his wife dying nine years ago. On Sunday Roberts and the girl were both at tea, when the former said he was going to buy an engagement ring and then going to Kingston. Witness told the coroner, in reply to a direct question, that he did not know Roberts had a wife or two children.—The Coroner read a letter addressed to the wife of the witness Ransom. It read:

What are we going to do? It has been mutually agreed upon. It's my own wish that my dear husband takes me with him. May God forgive me!

ELSIE ROBERTS.

—A detective - officer produced a Prayer-book found in the room, on the fly-leaf of which had been written:—

Despite the fact that we are not married, our love for each other makes us husband and wife.

The Man's "Verdict."

A letter was also found addressed to the coroner and jury by the man:—

Sorry to take so much of your time. Verdict will be wilful murder with Elsie Hitchcock's consent and wish. And then deliberate suicide by H. P. Roberts.

—The Chief Constable rose and said that although deceased had been referred to as Roberts throughout the inquiry, the body, as a matter of fact, had not yet been identified, but was believed to be that of a man named Ransom, of Wellesley-rd., Ilford. The Chief Constable had been in communication by telephone with the Ilford Police, and he had expected some relative from there to be in attendance, but up to the present no one had turned up.

Mysterious Identity.

It was most curious, but there was a letter addressed to a Mrs. Ransom, of 89, Wellesley-rd., Ilford.—Witness Ransom was recalled, and said he knew of no Ransom of Wellesley-rd., Ilford.—The Chief Constable added that the clothing of deceased man was marked "Ransom." There was a man named Ransom missing from Ilford who was said to have committed suicide.—Witness Ransom was recalled here, and said he had never lent the man Roberts any of his clothing.—Coroner: Where did he live in Ilford? —Witness: He told me York-rd., Ilford, but no number. He said he lived with a housekeeper there.—The case was adjourned until to-morrow.

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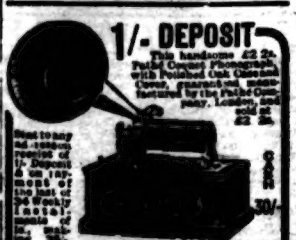

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The future of the Royal Naval Engineering College at Keyham, an establishment which is the professional Alma Mater of that splendid body of Naval engineers possessed by the Navy to-day, is again being considered at Whitehall, apparently. There are at present 60 engineer-cadets only undergoing training at the College, and the staff has been reduced; next year at this time there will be no more than 20 cadets at Keyham, but some of the officers will continue in the establishment until 1910, when its use for present purposes will cease—and, as many believe, to the detriment of the Naval Service. There is some talk of the buildings being subsequently used for the training of mechanicians, who would be transferred from the Indus. If this is the case the words Ichabod! Ichabod! might well be written over its portals, for its glory would indeed have departed. It is more likely, however, that it will be used as a centre for the training of future generations of Naval engineer specialists. The first of the Osborne and Dartmouth trained officers to begin to specialise will not be ready to start advanced courses before the year 1912; but it will then be better to train them at a great active building and equipping Naval centre like Devonport Dockyard, than to continue the practice of carrying out special courses at Greenwich College. The officer of the future will certainly have to be wedded to his profession if he is to excel in it.

Navy League Annual.

Both Mr. Alan H. Burgoyne and the Navy League are to be congratulated on the production of the second number of "The Navy League Annual" (price 6d. net, 13, Victoria-st., S.W.). This is a book which should be found in every public library in the country. I do not know if "The Navy League Journal" is sent to every public reading room in all the large towns where free libraries exist; but I am sure that no better channel of conveying all that this capital publication contains to the public could be found. The League has done and is doing so much good, by giving sound advice and information on Naval matters to the man in the street, that one wishes the "Annual" could be sent wherever the "Journal" finds its way. The "Annual" contains just the sort of information to make those who read it think more deeply respecting Naval affairs, and will tend to set them comparing the Naval positions of other countries with our own. If people can be induced to think about these matters then the aim and object of the Navy League will be secured and there will be such an interest in our First Line that no Government will dare to neglect it. All through this year's "Annual" there seems good things about the navies of all the world and the latest things which concern them, for the editor has spared no pains to make the publication interesting as well as informing. I hope that many of those who have in the past taken only a passing interest in Naval affairs will buy and read, mark and learn all that is to be found in the second edition of "The Navy League Annual."

The Greenwich Foundation.

I have received the following letter from a correspondent, and while I can only tell him that Greenwich Hospital was once a sailors' refuge, and that the present Greenwich "out" pensions were established when the hospital was closed for "living in," I publish his letter because it is a pathetic appeal from an old fighting servant of the Crown, who is without sufficient means in his old age. The pity of it is that there is not enough money for the Greenwich age pension to go round and keep these old veterans out of the workhouses. Yet, had not the Chatham Chest been robbed in the old time for State purposes, there would be a different story, in all probability, to tell to these sea veterans to-day:—

Sir,—Would you kindly put the case of me and many others like myself who have served their country and are now only fit to be on the scrap heap in your columns? I wish to know why we have not a place of refuge for shelter on the same line as the Army pensioner? I was told by my father, who, like myself, served the best part of his life for Queen and country, that we had such a place for the old seamen and Marines at Greenwich, and that it was taken from us and was afterwards used for the Naval officers as a college and was never replaced for the lower deck men who, after getting broken up, and have not near enough pension to live on, ought to have a home to go to, same as the soldier has at Chelsea. I know many poor fellows that are in the workhouse who would not be there if they had a place to go to, same as the soldier. The man all his life has had the hardest times is treated the worse. I myself have a pension which is not enough, but would be enough to get me in Chelsea Hospital if I had been a soldier instead of a blue jacket A.B.—NAVAL PENSIONER DOWN UP."

Royal or Mercantile?

A recent report showing what becomes of boys who leave industrial schools and reformatories states that of those who left during the years 1904-6 the Navy and Marines took 282, while 961 joined the Merchant Service. It is interesting to consider and compare the prospects of such boys who join respectively the Navy and the Merchant Service. The former, having worked diligently and well, would rise through all the stages of petty officer, until he blossomed out as an officer, a warrant-officer, in his Majesty's Navy. But there his career would practically come to a close. At this rank he could remain, grinding away religiously at his important and responsible duties, to be rewarded by a tardy promotion to lieutenant rank, and a final retirement after but a few years in that capacity. The fellow of the Merchant Service, however, by equal diligence and devotion to his duty, would soon work up through all the stages of mateship to the very top command of his own, would probably join the Royal Naval Reserve, quite possibly become a commander in that service, and, in time of war, be the superior officer of his former equal. This may quite possibly be the reason for the difference in the numbers of those who join the Royal and those who join the Merchant Navy. I am inclined to think this is principally owing to the fact that there are numbers of reformatory training ships which send boys into the latter service, but this does not alter the fact that a grave disadvantage does exist between two such boys starting on a level footing, and this is not quite fair.

Congratulations to Sir Percy Scott.

All classes on the lower deck will heartily congratulate Vice-admiral Sir Percy Scott on his last step of promotion, which gives him the rank quoted above. Sir Percy has always been a very popular officer among lower deck ratings, because in all his sea-commands he has ever studied the comfort and convenience of his men, and introduced such a system of superintendence and training into the daily routine of his ship as to bring his officers and men together in a bond of mutual respect and helpfulness. There has never been any slack discipline in a ship where his pennant or his flag has flown, but always that efficiency which alone can be gained when all the officers and men are pulling together with the heartiest accord. Gunnery has, of course, been the first object of his solicitation, although torpedo and steamship instruction has never been thrust into the background, for Sir Percy has always managed to find time to give all subjects a proper amount of attention, and yet secure intervals of play as well as work for his men. His ingenuity and original ideas have even introduced new methods into their play and amusements, and he was especially at home when inventing original features in the ceremony of "Crossing the Line," or getting up sports on board ship at sea. His splendid gunnery record is known in every part of the Empire, and he has been mainly instrumental in giving us a Navy which has improved its fighting power by 50 per cent. (by rapid hitting) during the last decade. It is to be hoped that he will soon find another appointment suitable for the exercise of his peculiar and valuable genius as the prophet, priest and king of

THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN.

THE BARRACK-ROOM.

The Soldier's Responsibility.

The report just issued by the War Office as to what was done last year to teach soldiers trades while serving shows that at least the authorities are alive to the heavy handicap which is placed upon the man who has given his best years to his country only to find himself at last a hanger-on of the labour market, where his chances are so small. The Northern Commanding Committee, however, point out that 75 per cent. of the Reservists get into employment easily on leaving the colours—I think the figures are high, or they represent a very bright period—also that 5 per cent. are unfit for any employment, and that the remaining 20 per cent. would profit had they been given instruction while serving. The fact remains that it is quite impossible to teach every soldier a trade, and that a very praiseworthy effort is being made to cope with the problem as it exists. The chief sufferers from unemployment are not those who are discharged from home stations, but the men who come home from the Colonies, notably from India, and are shot pell-mell into the thick of the unemployment difficulty without any preliminary preparation whatever. It is to these men that the authorities should give special help, and I would like to see them reserve certain billets under Government solely for the discharged soldier from abroad, who coming from a different climate, and out of touch with the conditions of labour in this country is thrown on his own resources. The question is of vital interest just now when so many men are taking their discharges from India as a protest to the prolonged periods of foreign service. As for our chums at home, we can only recommend the authorities to go ahead on the lines they have already marked out, and if the soldier fails to take advantage of his chances while serving then it is his own fault if when he leaves the colours he gets into difficulties. What the Barrack-Room wants of the authorities is that opportunities in the shape of suitable workshops shall be provided at all stations, as is the case at the larger centres, so that the soldier cannot say when he seeks civil employment that he never had facilities to learn a trade.

Modern Shooting.

No less an authority than Col. Egerton, commanding at the Hythe School of Musketry, has lifted up his voice against the system of bulls-eye shooting, which has been so widely discussed throughout the season now ended. He has declared that a very large percentage of the shooting now carried on is absolutely worthless, and that where match conditions consist of such shooting competitions were unavailable in teaching the soldier to shoot for active service. The fire line, he contends, would be at a range of about 600 yards, and, as each of the combatants would probably have effective cover, the duel would consist of snap-shot shooting, such as Lord Roberts has ordained as being the best training for the soldier. Quickness of aim, decision, and rapid shooting are the outcome of snap-shot shooting, which teaches the precision on these points as bull's-eye firing can never do. This was one of the lessons we learned during the Boer War, and flow gradually—very gradually—we are beginning to realise that the gospel preached by Boba more than ten years ago represents progression, and it is good to know that he is backed with such responsibilities as Col. Egerton shares these views.

A Lesson From India.

Now, in India they have been doing some things in the musketry line lately which we at home should not be loth to follow, as I have pointed out in these notes before. The latest competition which has been held there represents some very practical work in this direction. Maj.-gen. Pilcher—a stickler for good shooting—drew up a competition consisting of a series of tests principally in snap-shot firing which tried the marksman as he might expect to be tried on the battlefield, and the results have been so satisfactory that Lord Kitchener has given unstinted praise to the instance of the kind of thing that was done, and by that white canvas screens, falling plates and figures were used, and in one contest a hostile group of the enemy had to be attacked and 15 rounds fired in 7 minutes. The scheme throughout the competition was to teach distance judging, rapid sighting and firing and fire control, while the targets springing from endless unexpected places all over the plain represented as closely as possible the tactics of a trained enemy in action. Of course our competitions at home have been greatly remodelled lately on somewhat similar lines, but that drawn up by Gen. Pilcher covered every possible point in active service shooting that could occur.

Another Aldershot Concession

We had hardly done singing the praises of Gen. Smith-Dorrien at Aldershot because of his appreciated order which abolished pickets throughout the Soldiers' City, when he treats out another order scarcely less far-reaching in its benefits to the 29,000 men under his command than the first. We have been hammering away for some time at the reluctance of some commanders in giving the sergeants leave to use mufti when walking out. At Aldershot, for instance, only the N.C.O.'s and staff sergeants have hitherto enjoyed the privilege, but Gen. Smith-Dorrien has now extended the order so that all sergeants in the command can participate in it. Very keen is the feeling in Aldershot on the matter, for the General has by this move given a well-deserved privilege to a large number of men who represent the backbone of his battalions. Incidentally he has by his decision to treat every soldier as a gentleman and a man of honour made himself well nigh the most popular commander Aldershot ever had, and he may be quite sure that he can command the very best that is in the fighting men beneath his control and get it, for the confidence he has placed in them and his study of their feelings begets confidence and affection for a generous chief.

The Pay of the Native Soldier.

The pay concession which the Indian Government has made to the native army is likely to have a very far reaching effect from the point of view of recruiting. Beginning with the first of January next the pay of the native soldier will be substantially increased in order to strengthen the inducement throughout all cantonments to men to enlist. When the present rate of pay was first drawn up, the native soldier had a much pleasanter existence than he does now. He rarely, if ever, went beyond his native district or the cantonment, and the amount of military knowledge required of him was comparatively small, for he was reliant on his officers. The conditions of service are now vastly different. On enlistment he is liable to be sent on service to any district of the Indian Empire where he is employed on garrison duty, while the high state of efficiency he must now attain entails prolonged and arduous training, and has had the effect of making him a man of initiative and not a machine. Under the Kitchener regime regiments seldom find themselves in the districts with which they are territorially associated. When we see as we do our Native Army producing some of the best shooting regiments in the Service, showing first-class fighting efficiency, too, in discipline, signalling, and all the several duties of the trained soldier, we can congratulate the Indian Government, which has wisely taken the advice of Lord Kitchener in the matter, for this recognition of good work will spread contentment throughout the native Army, which has at all times rendered such meritorious service.

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THE SECOND LINE.

Systematic Company Training

The new C.O. of the 23rd County of London Battn., Lieut.-col Thomson (who so recently succeeded Col. Burne), has signalled his accession to the command of the old 4th V.B. East Surrey Regt., which, under Col. Tully and Col. Burne had for years been making excellent progress, by issuing, at the beginning of the winter season, a very complete scheme of systematic training. The chief object of the scheme is to so parcel out and systematise the year's course of training as to give a definiteness to the instruction at each parade, which must increase the interest taken in them and therefore secure better attendances. The C.O. trusts that it will appeal to all ranks as being a serious effort to establish a good system of training in the battalion. Adherence to it will ensure continuity and progression in company training. Every member of a company will know of a certainty that he will learn something fresh at every parade, and a not unimportant incidental advantage will be that subalterns and N.C. officers will know beforehand what is expected of them at any parade when the captain of the company may be unable to be present. The pamphlet has been issued to every member of the regiment with the orders of the current month.

Division of Training.

The two great essentials to be taught are skirmishing and musketry, including fire action and fire control. The course of training is divided into three periods (a) preliminary training of officers and N.C. officers in November and December, including lectures and classes of instruction for N.C. officers and regimental, brigade, and divisional tours for officers. The company training will be divided roughly into six parts, one month being devoted to each. These parts are skirmishing, protection on the move, protection at rest, attack and defence, elementary engineering, and revision, with skirmishing and fire action running through the whole period. The method of training is thus briefly summarised:—A lecture to all ranks will be given, by a selected officer on the subject to be dealt with in the ensuing month. Company officers will, on each of the "parade" nights, in addition to outdoor work, give their men a short lecture (lasting, say twenty minutes), on what will be done on the following drill night, and "question and answer" them on work already done. With battalion orders every month will be issued to every man a little slip giving a few concise, salient notes on the work to be done that month. If the men can be persuaded to learn these the company officers' work will be aided. For the higher training of officers it is intended to set test papers and tactical schemes to be worked out, the papers to be discussed at a meeting after correction.

Motor Vehicles in War-Time.

An important experiment of great interest was carried out on Sunday last by a body of about 120 5th Batn. County of Essex Territorials, who were suddenly called out and transported, together with reserve ammunition and commissariat, by motor-buses to the Dingle Peninsula on the Essex coast. The object was to test the possibility of commandeering motor-buses for flying columns in time of war. There are many points along the English coast which are not touched by railways, to which, in case of invasion, it might be necessary to despatch troops in haste. Practically all of the roads could be used by motor-cars in an emergency. The idea was that an invading army was endeavouring to effect a landing on the Essex Coast either off Clacton or on the Dingle Peninsula. Information was brought in that a force had been landing on the Dingle Peninsula, and the Essex Territorials went out to engage them and check their progress, while a large body of troops with guns were being brought to the scene of action—Latching, Colne, 14 miles from Chelmsford. This place was reached by the first car at nine minutes past 11, and the others arrived within one minute later. The men at once alighted, scouts were pushed forward, and in a short space of time a front of four miles was covered, signallers being stationed at intervals. The front covered extended from the Blackwater on the north of the peninsula to the River Couch on the south, so that it was impossible for an enemy to pass inland without being seen and reported. The General Staff at the War Office is at the present time giving close attention to the question of how best to rapidly concentrate a force at a threatened point of invasion.

City Manufacturers' Meeting.

The postponed meeting of City of London manufacturers took place on Friday, Dec. 4, at the Mansion House, the Lord Mayor presiding. The firms represented employ 25,000 men. The object of the meeting was to consider how far the employers would meet the War Office requirement in affording facilities to such of their employees as belonged to the Territorial Force to attend annual camp training. The Lord Mayor pointed out that London, unlike many provincial towns, had no annual fair observed as a general holiday period, but it was believed that if London employers generally could agree upon some common term and conditions of leave the difficulty might be, to a great extent, overcome. Maj.-gen. Codrington, C.B., having stated the views of the military authorities, the meeting decided that, as the War Office had agreed to allow one company out of eight in each battalion to train at another time in August, apart from the main body, in provisional battalions, they agreed to accept those conditions and to induce their employees to join the Territorial Army. One representative in each of the leading firms was invited to aid the City Territorial Association in recruiting men in their respective establishments.

Mr. Haldane's Appeal for Officers.

The indefatigable War Minister made a further eloquent appeal for more officers to a great meeting of 2,000 members of the London University held on Tuesday. Mr. Haldane said their plan was to get as many highly-qualified young fellows in the public schools as they could, to organise them under the general staff into a lower division, and to get as many men in the Universities as possible to organise themselves into an upper division. Those latter would have certain opportunities of shaping themselves for the Reserve of Officers. They would only be called upon to join the Army if great calamity took place and mobilisation became necessary. That would give a reserve of the best brains of the country. The Officers' Training Corps was not a mere dream. It was started only in June last, and they had had a perfectly surprising response already in the Universities and public schools. In the senior division they had secured 11 contingents, with 81 officers and 2,500 cadets, while in the junior division there were 112 contingents, comprising 299 officers and 12,586 cadets, making the highly respectable total of 15,470. In the Officers' Training Corps they had the beginning of a new university movement, which the figures showed was being taken up with great zeal throughout the length and breadth of the land.

What I am Told.

That the King has honoured the Officers Training Corps by becoming its Colonel-in-Chief. That Lord Lucas, the civil member of the Army Council, has assumed the chairmanship of the Territorial Force Advisory Council in succession to the Secretary of State. That the 11 battalions, Regular, Special Reserve and Territorials, of the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regt.) formed a Royal Fusiliers Association at a meeting on Monday last. Maj.-gen. Sir G. Barton, colonel of the regiment, was elected the first president, and it was decided to hold an annual commemoration dinner, the first to take place on Jan. 23 next. That on Wednesday next, Dec. 16, Mr. Haldane will attend the distribution of prizes of the 15th County of London (Prince of Wales' Own Civil Service Rifles). That on Tuesday next, Dec. 15, Col. F. S. Mande, C.M.G., will give a lecture to the officers of the Kensington Rifles (13th County of London Regt.) at the headquarters, at 8.30 p.m. That a regimental dance of the 10th Batn. (D.C.O.) Middlesex Regt. will take place at Chiswick Town Hall on Monday, Jan. 18, 1909. That by the courtesy of "The Daily Telegraph" Rifle Club the use of the ranges at St. Bride's Institute, Ludgate Circus, have been secured for the members of the Press Rifle Club shooting on Wednesdays from 1 to 10 p.m., Fridays 1 to 6.30 p.m.

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CITIZEN RIFLEMEN.

Lincs County.

The first division have now shot a third of the matches; Gainsborough Constitutional and Sleaford have not yet lost an event. The match of most interest was that between the Grimsby Fisherlads and Market Rasen, in which the latter were beaten by 20 points. The Fisherlads made an excellent aggregate score of 787, one h.p. being secured by Capt. Jackson. This success has buoyed up the Fisherlads, who think they may yet win the County Cup, but they have still to meet Gainsborough, and the result of that match is awaited with keen interest. In the second division Binbrook and Scunthorpe have not been defeated, and in the third division Lincoln Depot shares the same distinction with Market Rasen's second team.

The Mackworth-Praed.

Between 50 and 60 teams will contest for the Mackworth-Praed Cup, open to clubs in the Conservative Association, and the first round will be concluded this month. The holders, Dover Carlton, shot a friendly under Mackworth-Praed conditions with Dover R.C., and were beaten by 75 points. It is only fair to state that the Dover club has a large membership, and is able to pick a big team from its many first-class long-range shots, whereas the Carlton finds difficulty in getting a first-class team of eight, and twelve is beyond its strength. The first four scores of Dover Carlton were: 93, 92, 91, 90, and the last four of the dozen: 84, 80, 73, and 72.

Strange Ammunition.

It is sometimes assumed that the rifle shot must be accustomed to his rifle, one particular rifle, and a certain brand of cartridges. As a matter of fact, the man who has mastered rifle shooting is able to make a creditable performance with any good rifle and trustworthy ammunition. For instance, Mr. Reed Watkins, who is a Post Office employee, shooting for Harborne, and a reliable shot with the miniature rifle, tried a new brand of ammunition, a sort unknown to him and to members of his club. With it he at once made the h.p. on a twin target N.R.A. standard for 25 yards, but the final scoring from the point of view of the decimal scorer they are almost perfect diagrams; the thin dividing line of the carton centre only being touched by a couple of shots, they are possibles by centre of shot hole counting also.

Group Shooting.

By the new musketry regulation the soldier is to be encouraged to shoot for group; that is to say, he is to keep his shots together on the target, not necessarily in the bull's-eye. I suppose the idea is that he shall adhere to one way of aiming, instead of possibly wasting shots by endeavouring to correct a wide shot by taking a fuller or finer sight, or by making an allowance to right or left. This is very rudimentary, because if one aim is always taken—the American practice—then it is an easy matter to correct the elevation and the wind gauge of the sight, so as to bring the shots nearer to the bull at the next attempt—providing wind and weather conditions continue. Everyone ought to be able to make the required alteration to the sights for himself. In miniature rifle shooting a group of shots outside the bull is of no use whatever. The object of the rifle shot is to place one shot upon the other in the centre of the carton. Usually there is a slight deviation; the result is a group which, regarding the bull's-eye as a dial, may be all over the clock face, or may tend to a vertical, horizontal, or diagonal line across the bull's-eye. If the group is pretty evenly distributed it may be assumed that the shooter is doing the best of which he is capable, and in order to shoot more closely he will have to improve his "hold" or get some optical appliance which will aid him in obtaining a better definition of the sights and the mark at which he aims. But there are good shots whose shot-holes string vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Vertical deviation is more frequent, and no such rifle shot shows, by his minimum deviation from the line, that his hold is good, the stringing is probably due to variations in his aim.

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OUR CIVIL SERVANTS.

"The Unestablished."

I have received a copy of a statement from the abstractors, or senior assistant clerks in H.M. Customs regarding their claim to count for pension all the unestablished service which immediately preceded their established service. It may not sound very exciting, but I do think that the whole of the Civil Service should take some interest in this matter. The Treasury, through its Parliamentary mouthpiece, has issued a long reply to a question asked by a member, explaining why only one-half of the unestablished service is allowed to count for pension.

A Specimen Answer.

"The temporary service of the abstractors referred to in the question was rendered in the capacity of copyists, and the regulations governing their employment expressly stated that no service in this capacity, however prolonged, would confer any claim to superannuation.

"It was found, however, at the time when these temporary copyists were first promoted to be abstractors that a portion of their work had in many cases been above the level of what was ordinarily required of copyists, and it was accordingly decided, as part of the terms on which they were placed on the establishment list, that half of their service as copyists should be allowed to reckon for pension."

The foregoing is part of the answer given. It is a little vague and badly expressed, but we can just make out that the Treasury is trying to justify an unfair regulation, and to boast of its generosity in recognising the fact that men had earned pensionable rights while unestablished.

Why Divide?

I cannot, for the life of me, understand why Government should divide its employees into two sections, providing pensions for men of one class and allowing men of the other to work all their lives as Government servants without the prospects of any pension whatever. My contention is that the humbler the class, and therefore the smaller the pay, the greater the claim have the men for pension. The authorities seem to argue in the opposite direction.

Again the Watchers.

The position of the unpensioned watchers in the Customs is well to the front again, owing to the deputation which recently called on Mr. Hobhouse with a view to getting better wages than 24s. a week for those serving in London. As my readers have been told, these unpensioned watchers are a dying race, all vacancies being filled by candidates who are already pensioners from the Army, Navy, or police. An impression has got abroad that the unpensioned men have a bias against the pensioned, but I am assured on the best authority that such is not the case. All that the unpensioned men wish to do is to convince the Treasury that to live wholly and absolutely on 24s. a week takes a lot of doing, and also to prove that the work they do is worth more. In support of their claims they pointed out to Mr. Hobhouse that many municipal bodies are paying their labourers 30s. a week.

In 1900 the late Mr. Hanbury, then Financial Secretary to the Treasury, made the following statement with regard to these very men: "What strikes me is that the worst feature—the really bad feature—in their case is the absence of promotion. They may go on year after year without getting practically any increase in their wages, and I will see whether it may not be possible to reward the more deserving of these men by increasing their wages after a certain number of years' service. That would be a reasonable way of dealing with this difficulty, and I venture to think that possibly the Treasury and Board of Customs might agree among themselves to better the conditions of the men in that respect." As the result of this important statement an order was issued by the Board of Customs raising the maximum from 21s. to 24s. a week for a certain percentage of the London watchers, those with ten years' service getting the higher wages at once. These are the men who have had no increase since 1900, and are now asking that their case may be dealt with on similar lines, "seniority and merit" being the claim on which they rely

"Mack" of Woolwich.

"Mack," of Woolwich, who, as an ex-Civil Servant, undertakes to teach anybody telegraphy in a week, has sent to me an amusing autobiography, the subtitle of which is "Jack of all trades and master of none." A man may be versatile, but as jack of all trades he must not expect to be regarded as an authority on any one subject, and several of my correspondents refuse to accept Mack's contention that telegraphy can be picked up quite easily. As one of them cogently points out, "any fool can master the Morse code in an hour or two, but the late Government commission after many months found it took years to make a full-blown telegraphist." Mack wants me to state that "though newly drunken, lazy, insubordinate, or dishonest, he was dismissed from the service when performing the duties of a postmaster." He does not explain why, unless the words "red-tape" is intended to convey the reason.

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CRIME IN INDIA.

PROMPT PUNISHMENT FOR ANARCHISTS.

An important stage has been reached in the contest between law and disorder in India. The Viceroy's Council at Calcutta has passed through all its stages the new Criminal Procedure Bill. The object of this measure is to secure the prompt punishment of seditionmongers and Anarchists, such as those who perpetrated the series of outrages which have created so much uneasiness during the past two years. Under the old system the law's delays caused months to elapse between crime and sentence. The trial of the Calcutta bomb conspirators, for example, has been dragging on for seven months, and is not yet within measurable distance of the end. By the new Act, however, a special tribunal of three High Court judges is created, who will hear charges of sedition and Anarchism without a preliminary magisterial investigation, and will mete out prompt punishment in proven cases.

Evidence of Informers.

An important provision is that by which the court can accept as evidence the sworn statements of informers, even though the approvers may be subsequently murdered, as was the case with the man Gossain at Calcutta. The assassination of this man completely invalidated his testimony, which the Sessions Court refused to accept. The speeches of the Viceroy and Sir Harvey Adamson fully recognised the urgency of the occasion, and the existence of a murderous conspiracy, having as its object an ultimate revolution, and so weighty were the reasons they adduced that the Bill was passed with little or no opposition even from the native members of the Council, many of whom, indeed, supported it energetically.

Far-reaching Conspiracy.

—Sir Harvey Adamson, in introducing the measure, delivered a long speech, in the course of which he read a striking list of Anarchical crimes which had occurred in Bengal during the past year, and which gave an idea of the methods of the far-reaching conspiracy, the object of which was to subvert British rule, and render the administration of justice impossible. The speaker remarked that many young men, the sons of respectable parents, had become imbued with misguided fanaticism, and their immature minds had been perverted by the doctrine of hatred of foreign Government, insidiously instilled into them by the irreconcileable section of the community. It was the bounden duty of the Government to close every avenue leading to the causes of sedition. Lately associations called Samitis, or organisations of "volunteers," had developed with most surprising rapidity, especially in Eastern Bengal. They were outwardly devoted to the keeping of order at meetings, and to helping of pilgrims, but they had been largely used for the forcible boycotting of foreign goods and terrorising the community, hoping later to take part in a general revolution.

Ramifications of Anarchists.

Dacoities with murder and arson had been organised by the "Volunteers," who, the speaker said, now numbered about 15,000. The Samitis constituted a real danger, as they were nurseries for young Anarchists, and many parents had recently appealed to the authorities to rescue their sons. Having dealt with the various clauses of the Bill Sir Harvey Adamson said he hoped that the provisions would prove to be a preventive, and touching the question of the immediate passing of the Bill, he said the Government considered that course to be highly expedient, because the public mind was in a state of tension, and it was undesirable by delay to risk starting an agitation which might not improbably intensify the evils which the measure was intended to redress. The Earl of Minto said that seditious articles and speeches had culminated in the commission of senseless and brutal crimes. The existing laws had proved insufficient to deal with the matter, nor had the exceptional legislation already passed been adequate to meet the danger now confronting them.

Journalists Arrested.

Calcutta, Saturday.—In connection with the student dacoities exhaustive house searches were made at various stations in Eastern Bengal last night, and it is reported this morning that two prominent Bengali journalists have been arrested.—Reuter.

WILLESDEN WORKHOUSE

OPENED YESTERDAY BY DR. MACNAMARA.

Dr. Macnamara, M.P., opened yesterday the new buildings at Acton-lane, Harlesden, which, erected at a cost of £19,000, are to form the nucleus of the Willesden Workhouse. The buildings are intended for the reception of 100 male and 100 female inmates.—Dr. Macnamara said to-day we were spending just 14 millions on Poor Law work in England and Wales. We spent just £7,000,000 on the care and maintenance of the indoor poor; and £3,700,000 on outdoor relief. The remainder went in behalf of pauper lunatics, the sick and infirm in registered hospitals and licensed homes and the children. We had over half a million persons in receipt of outdoor relief, and over a quarter of a million in the workhouses and infirmaries. And to these must be added about 90,000 in county asylums, registered hospitals, and licensed homes. The care of all these poor people was vested in 635 Boards of Guardians. It was consolatory to know that 50 years ago the proportion of the population in receipt of public relief was just double what it was to-day, and that the decline in the ratio of pauperism was steady and continuous up to a few years ago, when it showed a tendency to rise again. We were spending £3,370,000 on Poor Law work in London for the 90,000 indoor paupers, about 50,000 out-door paupers, and over 18,000 persons in county asylums, etc.

Yesterday, at Marylebone Court, Agnes Elliott, 42, was sentenced to three months' hard labour for stealing a fur stole, belonging to Whiteley's, of Westbourne-grove. It was stated that prisoner had only recently completed a sentence of six months' imprisonment, after a number of other convictions.

OBLIGING SPOOK.

CLEOPATRA APPEARS IN A CELLAR.

A Central News Budapest telegram says:—An amusing case which, in the revelation of its details, is likely to prove embarrassing to several well-known citizens of Budapest, will shortly be investigated by the courts. The Public Prosecutor is taking action against two men named Csilin and Streli and certain members of their families, who are charged with obtaining money by fraud under circumstances of a distinctly entertaining nature. It appears that the attention of the police was attracted by the fact that numbers of well-dressed people were in the habit of frequenting a humble eating-house in an out-of-the-way part of the city, appearing always to make their way to an underground room or cellar. The visitors were of both sexes, and included many boy and girl students. By the exercise of strategy, a detective ascertained that spiritualistic séances were being held in the cellar for the benefit of persons who had formed themselves into a species of society, and at length obtained access to one of these weird functions. It proved highly interesting. Csilin and Streli officiated as presiding genii, and their wives and daughters were present as mediums. The spirits of several celebrities who have "passed over" were conjured up, amongst them that of Maurice Jokai, and then a novel feature was introduced into the programme by the appearance, in the spirit only, of several prominent people still living.

Cleopatra was Startled.

Finally a select number of those present were permitted to sit in separate compartments of the cellar, which was divided up by curtains, and to call on the ghosts of the great ones of history. The observant detective noticed, as a remarkable fact, that the lady spiritualiste summoned up phantoms of the male persuasion and vice versa; and, accepting this as the recognised custom, made a bold plunge and expressed a wish for an interview with Cleopatra. After waiting (in darkness) for some minutes a hand touched his face. It was not a clammy hand, and the sensation, so the detective says, was not altogether unpleasant, but he thought that matters were getting too phenomenal when a lady spook considerably above the normal weight of such things sat on his knee after the manner of humans, and at this delicate juncture he switched on a powerful electric pocket lamp. The sequel was painful. Cleopatra fled shrieking, and her cries attracted two dead heroes from adjoining compartments, who stood revealed in very earthly white wrappings and submitted in an unheroic manner to the questioning of the police officer. The séance broke up in wild disorder. The remarkable circumstance of the whole business is that many really well-educated people seem to have been swindled.

MUSIC HALL PICKETED.

SEQUEL TO A STRIKE AMONGST CORK CARMEN.

Yesterday, at Cork Police Court, a prosecution was commenced against 14 persons, who are charged with illegally picketing the Palace Music Hall. — Messrs. Dobbins and Ogilvie, who are also proprietors of the music hall, dismissed two men who refused to carry goods during the recent strike amongst the carters of the Cork Steam Packet Co. Messrs. Dobbins and Ogilvie refused to reinstate these men, and since Nov. 12 the music hall has been picketed every night, with the result that the

AUDIENCES ARE SERIOUSLY DEPLETED.

The case occupied the day, and was adjourned to Dec. 29. Witnesses were examined to show the connection of accused with the picketing proceedings, which in the defence was not denied, as their case is that the music hall is a corporation, an dthe proceedings should have been for an injunction. An offer was made by the Crown solicitor, who prosecuted, that if the picketing was stopped the case would be dropped.—The defendants immediately declined. Picketing was proceeding last night.

A CONSTABLE'S DEATH.

FATAL ENDING TO A STRUGGLE WITH A PRISONER.

Yesterday, at Chelsea, an inquest was held on P.C. Williamson, who died at Tadema-rd., Chelsea.—It appeared from the evidence that on May 12 of last year Williamson was on duty in King's-rd., Chelsea, when he took a man named Maslin in custody for being drunk and disorderly. A struggle took place, in the course of which the constable received a kick in the head which put him on the sick list for a number of days. Since then he had complained of pains in his head. Ten days ago he had to go back to his bed. Symptoms of meningitis set in, and he died on Wednesday.—Dr. Haynes, divisional surgeon, said death was due to meningitis and an abscess on the brain, which was

PROBABLY CAUSED

by injury during the struggle spoken of.—Wm. Maslin, of Riley-st., Chelsea, who was the man referred to in the struggle, denied kicking the officer.—The coroner pointed out that even if the jury came to the conclusion that Maslin inflicted the injury from which death occurred no criminal action could be taken, as more than a year and a day had elapsed since the injury.—The jury found that Williamson died from meningitis set up by injury received in the struggle, but that there was not sufficient evidence to show how the injury was caused.

MRS. DYER RECALLED.

At Reading, yesterday, Insp. Lloyd, who has retired after 27 years in the Reading Borough Police Court, was presented with a handsome clock and side ornaments, the Chief Constable, Captain Henderson, making the gift on behalf of the force. Insp. Lloyd was the officer to receive the charge of the first murder against Mrs. Dyer, the child murderess, who was arrested in Reading.

RATEABLE VALUE OF LONDON.

According to a report of the L.C.C. Local Government Committee issued last night the rateable value of London is £44,674,346 15s. This return will come into force on April 6, 1909, and shows an increase of £384,478.

L.C.C. STEAMBOATS.

TENDERS INVITED FOR PURCHASE.

At the meeting of the London County Council to be held on Tuesday the Highways Committee will bring up an important report dealing with the disposal of the L.C.C. steamboats—that expensive Progressive-Socialist fad, which has already cost the ratepayers so much. According to this report issued last night, the net deficiency on the piers and steamboats during the last three years has been as follows:—

1905-6	.....	£50,085	16 1
1906-7	.....	40,373	5 9
1907-8	.....	37,847	5 2
Total Deficiency —		£128,316	7 0

Messrs. Peat and Pixley, the outside accountants called in by the Council to report on the undertaking, estimated that the total ultimate loss would amount to at least £300,000.

Committee's Suggestion.

The committee recommended that advertisements be published inviting tenders for the purchase of the boats, such tenders to state whether the boats are to be used for a fresh service on the Thames or for elsewhere. Mr. Hamilton Benn (M.R.) will move an amendment that preference be given to those tenderers who give an undertaking to run an efficient passenger service of steamboats on the Thames, and the Progressive-Socialists will move the reference back as "no proposal for the sale can be entertained which does not ensure the establishment at an early date of an adequate service of steamboats on the River Thames."

A ROLLING STONE.

HUSBAND GOES TO AFRICA; WIFE OBTAINS DIVORCE.

Lord Salvesen in Edinburgh Court of Session yesterday heard evidence in an action of divorce at the instance of Barbara Mather or McGlashan, residing at Adys Lawn, Willesden Green, London, against her husband, Peter McGlashan, Boksburg, Transvaal, South Africa, or elsewhere.—Pursuer said she was a private nurse, and was married to defender on June 8, 1897. There were no children of the marriage. She thought defender went to South Africa to get quit of her as they had been living together unhappily. Defender was a bit of a rolling stone, and it was not likely that he would settle down permanently in South Africa.—Decree of divorce on the ground of desertion was produced.

ALLEGED BANK FRAUD.

ACCUSED COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Yesterday at Bow-st., Hugh Weston Dering, 48, an inventor, of Charing Cross-rd., and Arthur Fredk. Burkett, 27, bank clerk, of Richmond-avenue, Wimbledon, were committed for trial, charged with conspiracy, and with obtaining £800 by false pretences from the New Oxford-st. branch of the London and County Bank.—Burkett was employed at the bank named as a ledger clerk, and had charge of the books containing particulars of a small account Dering had there. Dering, it was alleged, drew cheques on his account, which Burkett improperly allowed to pass when there was practically no money to meet them. The total sum obtained in this way was said to be £800, and it was alleged that Burkett falsified some of the books at the bank in order to conceal the deficiency. It was further alleged that for the purpose of the fraud, Dering opened another account, in the name of Simpson, at the Chancery-lane branch of the Union of London and Smith's Bank, and that he was the means of an account being opened in the name of Hill, on which four cheques for £300 each were drawn.

"PLAYED THE DOUBLE."

—Chief Det.-insp. Bower said that just before being taken into Court on Dec. 5, Dering made the following statement:—"Burkett played the double on me. The first £200 Hill drew was to put Dering's account straight. I did not want to draw any more cheques, but Burkett came to me and said he could not keep that cheque still showing on the returns any longer, and that he must replace that money and destroy the cheque. So at his instigation each succeeding cheque was drawn, to keep his accounts straight, as he told me. Whenever I drew money on my account at the Union of London and Smith's Bank, I paid it straight to Burkett, and he told me he had destroyed the cheques. I paid him as much as I could in gold. At last, when Burkett wanted me to draw another cheque I refused. About a week or a fortnight before he was suspended he told me the transactions did not appear at all; that the cheques were destroyed, and the matter at an end."—Burkett was not present when the statement was made.—Burkett was also committed on charges of falsifying the bank's books, and Dering for aiding and abetting him.—Bail was refused.

"LONDON WORK FOR LONDON MEN."

The Municipal Reform majority on the L.C.C. are continuing their endeavours to obtain work for London unemployed. At the meeting of the Council on Tuesday they will be asked to accept a tender for £82,715 for the reconstruction of certain tramways in North London. The tender is only to be accepted, however, provided the firm applying agree to give a preference in employment of unskilled labour to men bona fide resident in the county of London.

A MEMORIAL THEATRE.

The Shakspere Memorial Committee has been engaged during the autumn in drafting a scheme for a National Theatre, and two sub-committees, one under the chairmanship of Lord Esher and the other under that of Lord Lytton, have been holding weekly meetings. A public meeting will be held soon after Christmas, when the organisation will be definitely set on foot.

BOROUGH COUNCILS IN DEBT.

At the meeting of the L.C.C. on Tuesday, the Finance Committee will recommend the Council to enforce payments of the amounts due under the precepts from Hackney, Hammersmith, and Woolwich Borough Councils, together with an additional 10 per cent., and that warrants be issued if necessary.

A LIFE OF SHAME.

UNHAPPY CAREER OF A COUNTESS.

(From Our Paris Correspondent.)

A terrible story of a society woman's downfall has just been revealed by the attempted suicide at Thomery, a pretty little town charmingly situated in the picturesque forest of Fontainebleau, of Countess Hélène S——, at one time one of the most beautiful women in Parisian society. When but a young girl Countess S—— had the misfortune to wed a man who turned out to be a bigamist. She obtained a divorce later, and resumed her life of society beauty, when at one of the great social events which she attended she made the acquaintance of a large landowner in the vicinity of Thomery. Despite the discrepancy in their ages—the man was 60 and the countess then but 32—the couple struck up a platonic friendship, which was not long in developing into closer relations. The sexuagenarian soon inspired the beautiful countess with a profound passion for him.

Blackmailing Campaign.

For some years their relations continued. Then, two years ago, during the temporary absence of her lover, Countess Hélène S—— made the acquaintance of two so-called captains of industry named Thorignat and Hilaire. The two men assiduously made love to the Countess, and eventually, after simulating rivalry and vowing eternal hatred of one another, Hilaire succeeded in winning the day. He persuaded the young woman to flee with him, placed her on the stage and shamefully exploited her, obtaining her jewellery and compelling her to lead a life of shame with men whom he introduced to her. Then the two accomplices started an infamous blackmailing campaign. They threatened to denounce the conduct of the Countess to the friends of her lover, the landowner, and attempted by this means to obtain money from him. Their plan, however, did not succeed.

Her Last Resource.

The landowner had the men arrested, and Thorignat and Hilaire are now passing their days within the walls of a prison cell. In view of the scandal the Countess's lover then decided that he must break off all relations with his mistress. He therefore wrote her the other day the following laconic note:—

In recognition of our long liaison I will continue my accustomed pecuniary assistance until such time as you shall have found another protector.

This was the end of all the woman's hopes. She took the first train to Thomery, locked herself up in a room in a hotel, and grasping a photograph of her lover swallowed a dose of morphine and laudanum. She was discovered just in time, and removed to the hospital, but it is doubtful whether she will survive.

BEGGING LETTER WRITING

CHARGES AGAINST A HOMELESS WAITER.

Yesterday at Stratford, Jas. Perry, 39, described as a waiter, no fixed abode, was charged, on remand, with having in his possession two postal orders, valued at £1 each, supposed stolen or unlawfully obtained. — The allegation against accused was that for some time past he had been addressing letters to various well-known charitable persons, and inquiries about him were made by the vicar of Ilford. The police, bearing of the matter, made some inquiries, and on Dec. 3, when prisoner left a tobacco shop in High-rd., Ilford, he was questioned about three letters he had in his hand. He said he had been sent for them, and when asked who had sent him, he said, "Find out." He was taken to the police station, and there it was found that one of the letters contained two postal orders for £1 each, and a slip of paper, on which was written, "From Sir Archibald Edmonstone."—Sir Archibald Edmonstone, of Dundreth Castle, Blanefield, Scotland, said he received the letter produced signed "Mary Milton."

"A SOMEWHAT GENUINE RING."

It contained a story of sad domestic unhappiness. In witness's opinion the letter had a somewhat genuine ring about it, and thinking it might refer to an old servant of his father's he directed two postal orders for £1 each to be sent to the writer. The letter from "Mary Milton" contained another purporting to be signed by Jas. Courtmole, and stating that only £1 could be sent just then, and expressing the hope that it would be of some assistance towards setting up Mrs. Milton's home again. — Gladys Daisy Ball, 35, High-rd., Ilford, assistant at a tobacconist and newsagent's business, said prisoner went there early in November, and asked if he could have some letters addressed there. Witness said he could, and he agreed to pay a small fee. He gave the name of Milton. About nine letters altogether came for him.—Det.-sergt. Scrimshaw said there were two other charges to be preferred against accused — in connection with letters sent to Sir Wm. Portal and Lord Gwydr.—Remanded.

WHAT THE POLICE FOUND.

A sequel to a burglary at the White Bear, Kennington Park-rd., was heard at Lambeth yesterday, when John Warriner, 42, of Marshgate-lane, West Ham, no occupation, was charged with feloniously breaking and entering the said premises and stealing therefrom property of the value of £40.—Fkd. Clay, the licensee, stated that his premises were securely closed overnight, but the next morning he found that the place had been entered. Amongst other things he missed 12 or 13 bottles of spirits from a cabinet and about 50 boxes of valuable cigars. The table cloth (produced) was a portion of the stolen property.—Det.-insp. Ball stated that with a search warrant he went to prisoner's premises, and, after prisoner had told him that he would find nothing there witness went downstairs, and in a chest of drawers discovered nine full bottles of spirits. When prisoner was told that it was believed that the spirits were part of the proceeds of a burglary, prisoner replied that he was not going to tell where he got them. Afterwards accused said, "I went out early this morning to market and bought the brandy and whisky. I didn't ask any questions. The table cloth was round the whisky when I bought it."—Remanded.

ELECTRIC FLASHES.

NEWS ITEMS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

Sir Thos. Roe, M.P., is progressing favourably.

Hy. Hewings, aged 24, fell from a swing-boat at Bristol and was killed.

The new lifeboat, James Scarlett, was launched at St. Anne's. This is the fifth boat given to St. Anne's.

Although in his 84th year Mr. Abel Blake, of Sidbury, Devon, still hunts with Sir John Amery's staghounds.

The Dean of Salisbury is lying ill at the deanery. He is suffering from typhoid fever.

For stealing a rabbit a man was at Nottingham sent to gaol for four months.

A starling's nest containing several young birds was found at Pinchbeck, near Spalding.

£3,000 damage was done by fire to Messrs. Duckworth and Biddlestone's warehouse at Blackburn.

Disturbances are feared in connection with the carters' strike at Dublin.

A grant of £100 has been made to the Royal Portsmouth Hospital by the League of Mercy.

The funeral took place of Mrs. Elizabeth Crush, aged 94, the oldest inhabitant of Chelmsford.

The police raided Alexandra Club, Barnsley, and arrested 11 men charged with betting.

A large fish-curing works, owned by Mr. Joseph Elder, at Hull, was almost completely destroyed by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kenyon, well-known residents of Middleton, Lancashire, celebrated their golden wedding.

Jno. Wane, a prominent South Bucks. corn merchant, was found drowned in the dyke adjoining Lord Carrington's park at High Wycombe.

On a charge of stealing a letter containing money, Geo. Hy. Blackman, a postman with 15 years' excellent character, was remanded at Southampton.

A sum of £19,614 is still required to complete the £87,000 appealed for on behalf of the Winchester Cathedral Fabric Preservation Fund.

The arbor-day movement was successfully inaugurated at Leyton, when trees were planted by school children on the playing fields and on Wanstead Flats.

Mr. Haldane, addressing a meeting of employers on the Territorial question at Rochdale Town Hall, urged them to give every facility to their men to attend camp.

The tender of Messrs. S. Pearson and Son has been accepted for the work of widening the Dover Admiralty Pier for the marine station. It will cost about £400,000.

Rear-Admiral Sir Chas. H. Cross, Superintendent of Devonport Dockyard, telegraphs that the report of his appointment to reorganise the Turkish Navy is absolutely without foundation.

H.H. Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein attended a display of drill exercises and dances given by the girls of the Queen Victoria Home at the Chelsea Town Hall in celebration of the 21st anniversary of the Home.

PEARLS AND RUBIES.

MAGISTERIAL SYMPATHY WITH A PAWNBROKER.

Yesterday, at Clerkenwell, Nathan Meyer, 56, a German and a "dealer," of Leconfield-rd., Holloway, was charged on remand with attempting to obtain £2 by false pretences from Hertz, Pocock, pawnbroker, of Essex-rd.—The prosecution alleged that prisoner tried to pledge two brooches which he described as gold, and which the pawnbroker said were not gold. Notwithstanding six pearls and a "ruby" in each article, prosecutor valued them at about 8s. each.—The defence now called a witness named Hill, described as an auctioneer and valuer. He said the brooches did not contain more than three carats of gold. The pearls were worth about 18s., the "red stones" about 1s. He put the total value of the two brooches at about £1.

"BREAKING UP PRICE."

—Cross-examined, witness said his value was the "breaking-up price," not the manufacturer's value. The articles were probably of Birmingham manufacture, and the manufacturer would have paid about £1 for the stones and 4s. for the gold. The "fashioning" would cost 10s. each. The manufacturer's price for the two articles would therefore be about £2 4s.—By the Magistrate: Had the gold been 15 carat the brooches would have been worth 30s. for gold alone.—Mr. D'Eyncourt remarked that prisoner did not speak English very well, and his statement about the articles being gold had brought about all the trouble. The magistrate sympathised with the pawnbroker, but felt that the charge must be dismissed.

DANGEROUS MOTOR TESTING.

Yesterday at Reigate, Percy Rhine Warrand, of Brighton, was fined £10 and costs for driving a motor-car to the danger of the public at Charlwood. The Rev. E. M. Gibson, rector of the parish, said the noise of the vehicle could be heard two miles off, that the villagers were afraid to go on the highway, and that mothers rushed screaming from their houses and dragged their children from the road, the villagers being terrorised. One witness estimated the speed at 70 miles an hour, and it was also stated that the car was of 135-h.p., and was being tested for a foreign Princess.

KNOCKED DOWN BY A CAR.

Yesterday morning a man, aged about 45, was crossing the Fulham-rd., when he was knocked down by a motor-car driven by Mr. D. Graham-Gilmour, of Mickleham Downs, near Dorking. One of the wheels of the car went over the body of the unfortunate man, fracturing his ribs, while his eye was badly cut. He was taken to St. George's Hospital.

ADELPHI CYCLING CLUB.

Under the chairmanship of their genial president, Harry Young, this popular club held its sixth annual dinner at the Cafe Florence. A big crowd of clubmen gathered round, and had an enjoyable dinner. The concert which followed was a great success, but too lengthy. The hon. sec. reported that everything was going well with the club. A few old supporters had fallen off, but better men had come along and the future was full of promise. The chairman made his usual humorous speech in responding to the toast of his health.

BILLIARDS.

HIGH SCORING IN THE TOURNAMENT.

T. REECE v. J. HARRIS.

As was anticipated, Reece easily won his heat against Harris yesterday in the tournament now in progress at the saloon in Soho-sq. Reece had 1,500 and Harris 3,000 start, and yesterday afternoon Reece held a lead of 1,263 at 7,751 against his opponent's 6,722. Reece made an unfinished break of 257 into 439 to commence with, and subsequently compiled 237, 93, and 58. Harris failed to make use of many good opportunities, and his only breaks were 52, 119 and 38. Reece was responsible for an aggregate of 624, to the 240 of his opponent, and at the close of tournament he was leading by 1,407 points. At night Reece added 125, 93, 35, 122, 150 and 85, ultimately winning by 1,858. His aggregate was 625 against 373 by Harris, and the latter's highest efforts were 123, 36, 59, 88, and 54. The final scores stood: Reece (rec 1,500) 9,000; Harris (rec. 3,000), 7,341.

E DIGGLE v. T. AIKEN.

Fine Performance by Aiken.

At Thurston's Hall in Leicester-sq., Diggle, who conceded 1,500 points start in 9,000 up, was easily defeated by Aiken. Matters were recommenced with the marking-board showing the positions at —Aiken, 7,361; Diggle (in play), 6,720; and there seemed every prospect of an interesting finish. A matter of 661 points is only equivalent to two or three breaks by a player of Diggle's calibre. He was off his play, however, and Aiken held his own to the end. Diggle opened proceedings by carrying an unfinished 68 to a full break of 116. Afterwards he made 208, and 183 of these were made by losing hazards off the red. Aiken was at the top of his form, and in nine visits he scored 628, or an average of nearly 70. Aiken's chief breaks consisted of 315, 193, 152, 56, and 200. At the interval Aiken was 1,217 in front with his total at 8,307, to Diggle's 7,090, and the aggregates were 926 by Aiken against 370 by Diggle. At night Aiken scored 693 to 128, and he won by 1,782. Diggle's best items were 41 and 30. Time Aiken's steady progress with 86, 46, 68, 95, 130, 88, and 138 (unfinished), and the closing scores were: Aiken (rec. 1,500), 9,000; Diggle, 7,218.

H. W. STEVENSON v. M. INMAN.

In this match, at Birmingham, the afternoon play went in favour of Stevenson, who increased his lead by breaks of 55, 152, 144, 109 and 77. Inman was in poor form, and, apart from a run of 155, did little worthy of note. The interval scores were: Stevenson (in play), 9,185; Inman, 6,000. At night Stevenson made 108, 96, 55, 65, 150, 241, and 66 (unfinished), and Inman's best were 78 and 52. Stevenson won by 3,091, the final scores being: Stevenson, 10,000; Inman (rec. 2,200), 6,909.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

From private advices received from Australia we understand that Frank Lindum is easily beating C. Memmott (the holder). At the half-way stage Lindum was 2,943 in front with his total at 6,987 against Memmott's 4,049. Lindum is not yet 20 years of age, and he defeated Inman when the Twickenham "terror" was on his recent tour. Lindum, it is stated, will shortly pay a visit to England.

SPORTING PRESS HANDICAP.

This important handicap was proceeded with at Messrs. Orme's establishment in Soho-sq. The heats are 250 up, and the results in the first round were:

V. M Mansell (rec 145), w.o.; F. T. Prall (rec 130), absent.

J. George (rec 10), w.o.; C. Filgate scratch), absent.

A. S Wilkes (rec 110) beat C. R. Symes (rec 85) by 24. The best breaks were 19 by the winner, and 14 by the loser.

POLICE DANGERS.

PLUCKY FIGHT WITH ALLEGED BURGLARS.

The magistrate at the South-Western Court yesterday warmly complimented a constable for his plucky conduct in tackling two men who were alleged to be committing a robbery. As a sequel Harry Wyatt, better known as Jack Pearce, labourer, was charged on remand with being concerned with another man not in custody with stealing a quantity of lead piping from an unoccupied house called "The Waverley," in Ribblesdale-rd., Streatham, the property of Messrs. Swaine and Selley, builders. Prisoner was also charged with violently assaulting P.C. Meridew.—The constable said on the 3rd inst. accused and a companion loitered about Grayswood-st., Streatham.—Witness saw the men climb a fence and enter the unoccupied house. Witness concealed himself. After a few minutes a sack of lead was thrown over the fence. The two men returned, and prisoner, throwing the sack across his shoulder, walked off. Witness seized him by the collar. Dropping the sack, accused

COMMENCED TO STRUGGLE VIOLENTLY.

He hit witness in the stomach and kicked him. Finding himself nearly exhausted and overpowered the officer drew his truncheon, but prisoner wrenched it away from him. The officer was able to blow his whistle, and civilians came to his help and assisted to restrain accused until the arrival of another officer. The second man escaped. Witness added that he had since been on the sick list.—Prisoner alleged in defence that the constable knocked him down with his truncheon.—Det.-sergt. Goddard said accused was a well-known dangerous character, having been seven times previously convicted for assaults on the police.—Mr. De Grey committed him for trial, and endorsed the charge-sheet as follows:—"The constable deserves great credit for having tackled single-handed two men who were committing a robbery, and for the way in which, although injured, he held on to prisoner—a very powerful man."

RATS' HEADS AT THE FEAST.

Last night, at the 51st anniversary dinner of the Savage Club, held at the Cecil, under the presidency of Mr. Wm. Senior, and at which Justice Darling was one of the guests, Sir Robert Hart, who also responded to the toast of "The Guests," proposed by Mr. Yeend King, gave some reminiscences of Chinese feasts, and referred to one entertainment at which, he said, rats' heads formed a dainty dish, and to another which lasted 15 hours and included 125 courses.

AN ASYLUM MURDER.

At Maidstone yesterday Arthur Warden, 44, an inmate of the Barming Asylum, was charged with the wilful murder of Walter Hy. Davis, another patient.—The Chief Constable said that when he charged prisoner with the crime he replied, "I have done it."—It was stated that the Treasury proposed to prosecute, and prisoner was remanded for a week.

CITIZEN SOLDIERS.

THE DOINGS OF LONDON TERRITORIALS.

(Special Reports.)

Yesterday the musters of London battalions for tactical operations, route marching, etc., brought the out-door training season of 1908 to a close, and most certainly since the early part of October the work has been in full swing, and the exceptionally fine weather experienced on Saturdays has been an important factor in connection with the success achieved.

The 15th Batn. County of London Regt. (Civil Service) had a route march and tactical operations in the northern suburbs, and the 20th Batn. Co. of London mustered at Blackheath for similar work. The 1st and 2nd London Batteries Heavy Artillery had riding drill and a route march, and the 1st Batn. City of London Regt. (Royal Fusiliers) and D Company (29th Co. of London) had route marches.

At the headquarters of the 5th City of London (L.R.B.), Bushill-row, the 37th annual assault-at-arms was given under the patronage of Maj.-gen. Sir F. Stopford, C.B., commanding the London district; Maj.-gen. A. Codrington, C.B., Col. R. G. Gilmour, C.B., D.S.O., Lord Bingham, and other officers. A choice entertainment was furnished, the chief items being a wrestling display by members of the City of London Police Athletic Club, Swedish and physical drill, Epee fencing, club swinging, horizontal and parallel bars, sword feats by Corpl.-maj. Elliott (2nd Life Guards), boxing, vaulting horse, etc. The regimental string band performed, and the arrangements were carried out by Sergt. A. Read and Pte. C. A. Clapham, hon. secs.

Prizes won during the year by members of G Co. London Scottish were presented at the annual dinner, which took place at headquarters, Buckingham Gate, Capt. J. H. Lindsay presiding. The leading prize winners were Lce.-corpl. G. Wilson (best shot in class firing), Colr.-sergt. H. B. Brown, Lieut. H. Carnegie, and Sergt. A. G. Gray. In Bath Inter-Co. Company competitions, the Co. won the 1920 "Daily Telegraph" Cup, the Balfour Tactical Scheme Cup, and Liddersdale Cup. A high-class musical programme was disposed of.

Results were issued of annual returns rendered to the War Office by the 23rd Batn. Co. of London in respect of the official year ending Oct. 31 last. The enrolled strength was 420 (as against 954 last year), of which number 379 were efficient, and of the 41 non-efficients 28 are recruits who did not join in time to be able to qualify. In musketry the battalion average was 26.8—54.8, there being 34 marksmen. 104 1st class, 118 2nd class and 55 3rd class shots. E is the best shooting Co.

Prizes won last season by members of A Co., 1st Cadet Batn. King's Royal Rifle Corps were distributed at the annual dinner, which was held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, with Capt. Sharpe in the chair. The report disclosed an enrolled strength of 93, and of this number no fewer than 54 are marksmen, of whom Assistant-sergt.-maj. Maynard is chief. The leading prize winners were—Pte. Badger, Sergt. Randall, Pte. White, Corpl. Basing, Sergt.-maj. Maynard, Pte. West, Lce.-sergt. Havell, Ptes. Lee and Webster, Colr.-sergt. W. O. Major, Lce.-corpl. Basing, Pte. Booth and Lce.-corpls. Mott, Thomas and Dark. A concert followed.

A war game was played at the head quarters of the 2nd Batn. City of London Regt. by teams representing C and D Coys.

Members of G Co. 16th Co. of London (Queen's Westminsters) gave a high-class Bohemian concert at the headquarters, Buckingham Gate.

A Cinderella dance was given at the headquarters in Chenies-st. of the 12th Batn. Co. of London.

Prizes won by members of F Co. 21st Co. of London were distributed at headquarters by Col. W. F. Branston, V.D. commanding officer. The leading prizewinners were: Pte. Sparks (best marksman), Armr.-sergt. G. Dennett, Pte. Wightman, Capt. Fry, hon. member Doggett, Colr.-sergt. Hill and Sergt. Sheret. A silver cigarette box was presented to Capt. A. B. Fry, who recently relinquished command of the Co., after 20 years' service.

At Holborn Town Hall prizes won by members of the 11th Batn. Co. of London Regt. were distributed by Maj.-gen. A. E. Codrington, C.B. Col. W. N. Davis presented the annual report, which showed that at the close of the official year the enrolled strength was 551, of which number 500 men were efficient and of the 51 non-efficients 48 are recruits in musketry the figure of merit was 110 for trained men, and 122 for recruits. At the conclusion of Col. Davis's statement, the prizes were distributed. Leading individual winners were:—Qrmr.-sergt. C. A. King, Pte. G. Ellis, Sergt. A Langdon, Colr.-sergt. West, Pte. W. J. Smith, Colr.-sergt. Brown, Lce.-corpl. Edwards, Sergt. A. C. King, Sergt. W. Daniell, Pte. C. Broad, and Sergt. T. Wootton. In the Championship series, the gold medal was won by Qrmr.-sergt. King, the silver by Pte. W. J. Smith, and the bronze by Pte. G Ellis. In team competitions the chief winners were H Co. (1st prize in marching and shooting series), also the Penton Cup and 1st prize; The Bargrave Deane Challenge Cup and Shield and 1st prize of £8 went to E Co.; 2nd prize of £6 to H Co.; 3rd prize of £4 to B, and 4th prize of £3 to D Co. In the Co. teams competition the Cup and 1st prize of £5 were won by G Co. The Sutherland Cup was won by B Co., also the Gallie Cup and the Winter Cup and 1st prize by B Co., and 2nd prize by H Co. The Finsbury Rifles Cup and 1st prize were taken by Q M.S. King. The Brigade Challenge Cup went to Pte. G. Ellis. A number of long service and efficiency medals were presented to N.C.O.s and men.

At the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-st., the annual dinner and prize distribution of the 1st Essex Battery Royal Field Artillery took place last evening, Maj. W. S. Duff presiding. In the skill at arms competition the winners of prizes were Sergt. A Chilman, Bombrs. Blade and Saville., in the Signalling series Bomb. Bolton and Gunner Samuels, in the range-finding contests, Gunner Tomlinson and Bombr. Seggel, and in the trumpeters series Trumpeters Bacon and Davis. In the gun-laying competition Sergt. Phillipson, Bombr. Cooper, and Gunner Baker were chief winners, and in the attendance series Battery Sergt.-maj. Buckingham, Q.M. Sergt. Pyle, Sergts. Bedger, Binder, Stockland, Chessells, Chilman, Barreclough, and Phippinson.

To-day the Signallers of the 16th Batn. Co. of London Regt. (Queen's Westminsters) will proceed to Dorking for a practice in the vicinity of that town and Leatherhead. The officers of the corps will be engaged in a tactical exercise in the same neighbourhood.

There was a great gathering of old Volunteers last evening at the Guildhall, the occasion being a reunion and concert of the old City Imperial Volunteers, at which the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor presided, supported by the Sheriffs and other civic officials, Lieut.-gen. Sir W. A. Mackinnon, C.B. (Director Territorial Forces), the Earl of Albemarle, and many other distinguished officers. The band of the 15th Co. of London Regt. (Civil Service) played choice selections.

At the Horseferry Hotel prizes won by members of G Co. 7th Batn. City of London Regt. were presented at the annual dinner, at which Capt. and Hon. Major M. F. Molesworth presided. The chief prizewinners were: Colr.-sergt. F. A. Middleton, Sergts. L. Williams and A. Norton, Ptes. F. Northcott and J. Morley, Corpl. W. Howes, Pte H. Barker, Lce.-corpl. F. Rich, Pte. McGhee, Drummer Molyneaux, and Ptes. Roberts and Pooley. Attendance prizes were won by Lce.-corpl. Rich and Pte. Norwood and Dudley.

INDOOR GAMES AND PASTIMES.

NOTES, PROBLEMS, & PUZZLES.

BY OUR OWN SPECIALISTS.

CHESS.
[By T. F. LAWRENCE.]

From the other side of the Atlantic comes a scheme for international play that seems susceptible of far-reaching developments. Summarised briefly, it consists of an international university tournament in which not more than one university in each country may compete. Matches are to be played over the board or by cable, the challengers being the visitors if the match is played over the board, and it is made conditional that at least one match be played in every three years. The loser in each match will present the victor with one of the following portions of a set of men:—(1) Two Kings, (2) two Queens, (3) four rooks, (4) four Bishops, (5) four Knights, (6) eight Pawns. A complete set may thus be won in seven matches. Each portion of a set will be inscribed with the name and arms of the defeated university, and as soon as a complete set has been gained this will become a permanent trophy, open to challenge from any signatory university, subject to certain conditions. The present entries are:—Pennsylvania, Oxford, Paris, Amsterdam and Geneva.

After much lively and entertaining play the Marshall-Mieses encounter terminated in a victory for the American by five games to four with one draw. In the second game a position arose which gave Mieses (White) the opportunity for a beautiful sacrificial combination. Unfortunately while afterwards overlooked the actual winning combination and a draw resulted. The position was as follows—White: K at QKtsq, Q at QKt2, Rs at QB1 and KKtsq, Ps at QKt3, Q5, KB5 and KR4. Black: K at QBsq, Q at QKt5, Rs at QB3, Kt3 at QR7, Ps at QKt2, QKt4, QR7, KKt3 and KR4. White now played 32. RxPch! K—Ktsq, 33. R—Kt7ch!! KxR; 34. QxPch, K—Bsq; 35. Q—Kt8ch, K—B3; 36. R—Kt7ch, K—K3; 37. Q—B8ch! This was the mistake. 37. Q—Kt6ch won in a few moves.

Last Saturday a match between Surrey and Essex was played at the City of London Chess Club in the Southern Counties Competition. Surrey won by 10 to six.

PLAYED IN THE CITY OF LONDON CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

DUREE DEFENCE.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1 P—Q4	P—K3	29 Q—K2	Kt—B3
2 P—QB4P—KB4(A)		30 R—B1	P—Q4
3 P—K3	K—K2(B)	31 Kt—Q3	Kt—K4
4 Kt—KB3	P—QKt3	32 Kt—K2	Kt—B3
5 B—Q2	B—Kt2	33 Kt—Q4	Q—B6
6 Castles	B—Q3	34 Q—Q1	Kt—K4
7 P—B3	Castles(C)	35 R—KBsq	Q—Kt5(l)
8 Q—QR1	Q—Ksq	36 Kt—B5	QxKt
9 Kt—QKt5	P—QR3(C)	37 BxKt	Kt—K6
10 KtxP	PxKt	38 R—Q1	Kt—Kseq
11 Kt—Kseq	Kt—B3	39 R—Q4	R—K1
12 P—QKt4	Kt—K3	40 R—QBsq	Q—Kseq
13 P—B4	P—Q4	41 P—QBsq	Kt—B5
14 P—B5	B—Q2(D)	42 R—Q1	Q—Kseq
15 B—Kt3	P—KKt4	43 Q—KKt2	Kt—K3
16 P—KR3	K—Rsq(E)	44 R—Rsq	Q—K3
17 P—K4	P—B3	45 R—Q1	Q—K3
18 P—Q3	P—K4	46 RxR	Q—KKt3
19 KP—Q2	P—KR4	47 P—QR4(E)	Kt—K4
20 Q—Q3	P—KKt4	48 Q—K3	P—Kt5
21 KP—Q2	QR—Kseq	49 PxP	KtxB
22 Kt—Q1	B—Kt2	50 Q—KB1!!	
23 B—Kt2	Q—B2		K—Kt2(l)
24 P—KR4	P—KR5	51 QxBP	KtxP
25 P—Q4	P—K5	52 KtxP	Q—B7ch
26 P—Q5	P—B4	53 K—Kt3	Q—Kt6ch
27 P—Q6	P—B5	54 Q—K3	QxKtP
28 P—Q7	Kt—Q1	55 Q—Kt6ch	K—B2
		56 Q—R6	Q—Kt6
		57 Q—Kt6ch	Resigns
			(M)

A. Theoretically a poor defence. However, it may be fairly ventured occasionally, as White is not likely to be over well posted in a continuation so little practised.

B. If Kt—B3; 2. P—K4 gives White an excellent game.

C. White threatened P—QB5.

D. Of course, intending R—Kteq and P—Kt5 ,thus anticipates the manœuvre.

E. Clever play, which possibly may have taken White by surprise.

F. The sequel.

G. Kt—K4 would save time.

H. White threatened B—B4.

I. Up to this point Black has played very skilfully, but here he slackens. The Queen should have played to KR4.

J. Not Q, as KtP falls, but KtP because of R—Kteh ch, 44. K—Kt2, Q—B2, with Q—Kt5ch to follow.

K. Again White cannot win the Pawn.

L. Q—K5 equally results in loss.

M. An excellent game.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 359.
By W. Pressewitz.
Key Move: 1. K—B6.
If K—B3; 2. Kt—B5 mate.
If K—B5; 2. Kt—B5 mate.

Correct solutions received from:—C. R. Woodcraftsman, F. C. Dixon, J. H. Boddick, McFusser, E. J. Globe, jun., F. Holste, J. Cruikshank, R. G. Wells, Minnie Koerner, H. C. Black, Old Solver, J. E. Boosey, F. C. Cath, W. G. Howell, A. F. M'Neill, Ronald Kelly, John Hue, H. A. Blakney, F. Steer, J. N. ., S. W. Northcott, E. and E. Valpy, and Y. Stacey (London and District), W. Carter (Cheam), M. E. Knott (Tenbury), E. H. Valpy and T. J. Haslam (Grimsby), W. Rogers (Bexhill), "Black Knight" (Westgate-on-Sea), A. Best (Shepton Mallet), C. Spray and F. W. Shaw (Northampton), M. Allfrey (Hove), C. F. S. (Salisbury), J. Bridge (Colchester), A. H. R. (Winchester), I. J. McAdam (Southsea), A. Campbell (Bognor), E. W. Turner (Tiptree Heath), H. Bennett (Northiam), F. W. Young (Shalesbury), A. Rayner (Ashford), S. G. Lock (Tunbridge Wells), W. Burt (Ramsgate), A. Peacock (Herne Bay), F. C. Rollin (Plymouth), Miltenda (Sandgate), L. Penfold (Steyning), T. F. Jones (Taunton), N. Morris (Winchelsea), F. Oesterley (Brankscome), E. Waud and N. J. Jopling (Maldenhead), Mackens (Macknell), Mr. Howse (Dawlish), M. Bell (Chichester), J. Streaks (Oxford), F. Griffiths (Birmingham), and L. B. Liddell (Cardiff).

Solution to Problem No. 358 received too late to be acknowledged last week from J. S. and Stephanie Koerner.

PROBLEM No. 360.
Fourth Prize-winner, "El Pais" Tourney.
BLACK—Eight Pieces.

WHITE—Six Pieces.

WHITE: K at KR2, Q at KR8, B at QR8, Kts at QB4 and K2, P at QR2.
BLACK: K at Q6, R at Q8, Kts at QKt3 and KB8, Ps at QKt2, QKt7, QB4 and K3.
White mates in three moves.

Solutions (on postcards preferred) to be addressed "Chess" Editor, "The People," Milford-lane, W.C. They should be posted so as to arrive not later than Wednesday noon in each week. In two-movers the key move only need be given; in three-movers the following variations.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. Payne and others.—Problem No. 359: If 1. B—Q3 then Kt—B5. B. Toller.—Will examine. S. Lambton.—Most decidedly. A. Phillips.—Problem No. 360 is a two-mover. You make in three moves. Castling out of check is not permissible. A. E. Hitchcox.—1. Not received; 2. If 1. B—Q3, Kt—B5 and there is no mate next move. C. A. M. M.—Try P—Q4. Nefusor.—Amended position examined. Apparently sound but unsuitable for publication. H. E. Knott.—Not received.

CARDS.
[By E. B. TURNER.]

CRIBBAGE.

I have had a letter asking for the numbers which cannot be held in hand in ordinary six card Cribbage. I have asked no Cribbage question for such a long while that I am tempted to ask my readers to send me those numbers, and I will publish them and the names of the senders when I get them.

BRIDGE.
Defensive Spade Declaration
(Continued).

Before I go on to the consideration of the 763 hands in which the Dealer "left it," I shall first shortly sum up the results of the 487 hands in which he made a defensive Spade call. In 265 of these hands the opponents doubled. On 32 of these doubles Dealer made one or more tricks and scored 230 below and 108 above the line, total being 338. Had he left it he would, on those 32 hands, have scored 294 below and 310 above the line, the total being (tricks and honours together) 342 to 574. On the 233 hands in which the opponents doubled and made one or more tricks Dealer lost 3,148 below and 702 above, a total loss of 3,850 points. Had he "left it" on these 233 hands he would have lost, on balance, 372 below, and would have won, on balance, 312 above. The totals on these 233 hands (tricks and honours together) would have been a loss of 3,850 by calling, to a loss of 60 by leaving it. In 222 hands Dealer, having called a defensive Spade, was not doubled. In 97 of these hands Dealer made one or more tricks and won below 830 points and 400 points (on balance) above. In 125 hands he lost one or more tricks, losing 580 points below and 32 points (on balance) above. In the whole of these hands, therefore, he lost (on balance) 50 points below and won (on balance) 428 above. If he had "left it" on these 222 hands he would have won 438 points (on balance) below and 1,972 (on balance) above. The total results (tricks and honours together) would have been a win of 378 on calling and 2,510 on leaving. Now to tabulate the total results from these 487 hands. If Dealer had made a defensive Spade he would have won 796 points below on 129 hands and lost 3,728 points on 358 hands, a total loss (on balance) below of 2,932 points. In honours he would have won 560 points and lost 738 points, a loss (on balance) of 178 points. His total loss in tricks and honours would have been 3,128 points. Had he "left it" he would have won 530 points below and 2,494 above. His total win in tricks and honours would have been 3,024 points. Therefore by calling a defensive Spade he would have lost 2,962 points below on 487 hands, an average of almost exactly six points a hand (6 1-12), and he would have lost 186 points in honours, an average of about 1-3 of a point a hand. By leaving it he would have won 538 points below, an average of 1 1-10 (about) points a hand, and would have won 2,494 points in honours, an average of 5 1-4 points a hand. Therefore he would have done better by (about) 7 1-4 points a hand below, and by (about) 5¼ points a hand above, or on an average he would have been, counting all points, about 12 2-3 points a hand by leaving. The total amount of points, both by tricks and honours, he would have been better off, if he had left it, would have been 4,152. This is very strongly in favour of "leaving it," and when next week I analyse the 763 hands in which Dealer "left it" I think anyone who by then has followed the figures carefully will never call a "defensive Spade" again.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

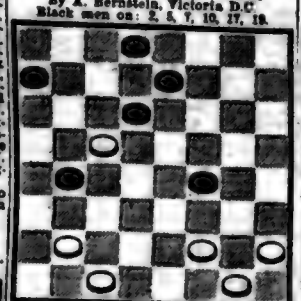
WHIST.—Novice.—Yes.

SOLO WHIST.—A Constant Reader (Solo).—Number 4 can claim the hand, and number 3, having left it out of turn, must pay the Stakes for himself and the other two players.

CRIBBAGE.—H. Hull.—5, 5, 5, J., and 5 of the Knave suit turned up scores 29. This is the highest possible score in ordinary Cribbage. Mullens.—1. With cards played 7, 7, 5, 5, the player of the 5 takes a run of 5. 2. You can get the rules of Cribbage through any bookseller. H. Y.—I will ask it as a question to-day, and let you know. I have not given any problem while I have been writing on Bridge, but your note gives me the "cue."

DRAUGHTS.
[By J. M. ROBERTS.]

PROBLEM No. 590.
By A. Bernstein, Victoria D.C.
Black men on: 2, 5, 7, 10, 17, 18.



White men on: 14, 23, 27, 28, 30, 32.
White to move and win.

PROBLEM No. 591.
By E. Trueluife, Ilfracombe.
Black man on: 6; King: 7.
White men on: 21, 17.
White to move and draw.
A correction of No. 51 in Gould's Problem Book.

PROBLEM No. 592.
By E. F. Richards, Pembriwestber.
Black men on: 4, 5, 8, 16; Kings: 21, 31.
White men on: 7, 10, 23, 30; Kings: 6, 13.
White to move and win in five.
Should be solved prior to moving a piece.

PROBLEM SOLUTIONS.

No. 587.—By J. George, Cardiff.
Black men on: 6, 20, 23; Kings: 24, 29.
White men on: 13, 19; Kings: 4, 14, 21.
White to move and win.

*13 9	25 30	D-32 19	26 31	31 26	
A. 9 14	11 15	6 10	19 23	17 22	
*3 9	30 25	14 17	23 26	26 31	
24 15	15 10	9 13	23 27	31 24	
9 11	C-26 22	22 26	26 31	24 19	
B-21 26	19 6	13 17	27 32	14 10	
16 19				W. wins.	

A. 24-15, *21-25, 29-22, *18-13, 15-24, 6-10, 5-14, 10-22.
B. 23-27, 18-19, 27-32, 11-15, 32-28, 15-18, 28-32, 18-23, 32-28, 23-27, 28-32, 19-23, 32-28, 27-32, 28-24, 32-28. White wins.
C. 26-30, or 26-31, 10-14, 31-26, 14-17, same as trunk.
D. 22-26, 6-9, 26-30, *9-14, 29-25, 14-18, White wins.

No. 588.—By J. E. Jones.
Black men on: 5, 25; Kings: 15, 23.
White men on: 13, 16, 20; King: 6.
White to move and draw.

*16 12	7 2	*17 22	19 15	18 14	
18 11	A-14 10	19 15	* 4 8	26 22	
* 6 10	5 14	12 8	3 7	14 9	
(1) 23 19	10 17	7 3	* 8 4	22 18	
*10 14	2 7	8 4	15 11	9 6	
(2) 11 7	*20 16	15 19	22 18	18 15	
*13 9	25 30	16 12	30 25	6 1	
				Drawn.	

A. Or 20-16, 25-30, *14-10, etc., draws same as trunk.

Variation 1.

25 30	A-23 19	23 18	19 16	15 8	
*10 14	* 9 6	6 2	12 8	2 6	
30 26	26 23	18 15	11 4		
*13 9	B-14 10	10 7	20 11	Drawn.	

A. 23-18, 14-30, 5-14, *30-25, 14-17, *25-21, etc., drawn.
B. 6-2, 19-15, 2-6, also draws.

Variation 2.

19 15	15 11	25 30	3 7	15 11	
13 9	6 2	17 22	12 8	6 3	
11 7	7 3	11 15	7 2		
* 9 6	14 17	6 6	6 1	Drawn.	

No. 589.—By H. McNab, Chelsea.
Black men on: 1, 5, 22, King: 31.
White men on: 9, 10, 14, 23, 27.
White to move and win in five.

10 6	23 19	14 10	6 1	1 26	
31 24	24 15	5 14	15 6	W. wins.	

The following was one of the best games played in the recent simultaneous exhibition given by England's champion at Hilston, Cambs, Mr. Jordan handling the Black pieces:—

Game No. 586.—"SINGLE CORNER."

11 15	24 20	5 14	20 11	26 31	
22 18	6 13	25 30	7 16	29 25	
15 22	27 24	*15 17	26 22	31 26	
25 18	10 14	22 13	1 5	24 20	
8 11	24 19	3 7	22 18	26 31	
29 25	7 10	21 17	15 22	27 24	
4 8	A-31 27	14 21	24 20	31 27	
25 22	* 9 13	32 28	22 26	23 18	
12 16	18 9	11 15	20 11	27 31	
				Black wins.	

A. A well-known B. D. F. line 12-16, 2-7, *31-27, 9-13, 18-9, 5-14, 22-18, 1-5, 18-9, 5-14, *10-26, 23-18, 14-23, 27-8, and White eventually gets back the piece and draws. The learner should especially note the starred moves.

The following game was contested between Mr. R. Sellaway, London Silver Medallist, and a fellow-patient at the Royal Marine Hospital, Bath, Mr. Sellaway handling the White pieces:—

Game No. 587.—"DOUBLE CORNER."

9 14	6 11	3 10	14 18	6 10	
22 18	22 18	26 23	17 14	11 2	
5 9	1 6	1 6	10 17	10 17	
24 19	29 25	23 19	21 14	3 7	
11 15	16 20	14 23	18 22	17 21	
18 11	25 22	27 18	31 27	7 11	
8 24	A-7 11	9 14	B-2 7	21 25	
28 19	19 15	18 9	19 15	11 15	
4 8	10 19	5 14	12 16	25 29	
25 22	23 7	22 17	15 11	27 23	
				W. wins.	

A. 1-5 is usual and stronger.
B. The loser; the following draws:—6-10, 14-7, 2-11, 32-23, 11-16, 19-15, 16-19, 15-11, 12-16, 11-8, 22-26, 30-23, 19-26, 8-3, 28-30, 3-7, 30-26, 7-10, 26-22, 10-15, 22-26, etc., drawn.

LONDON LEAGUE.
The following table is compiled up to Monday, 7th inst.:—

SECOND DIVISION.

	Games. W.	L.	D.	Matches. W.	L.	D.	Pts.
North London	7	0	0	2	0	0	4
City of London	5	1	1	2	0	0	4
Rotondas	5	1	1	2	0	0	4
Kilburn	3	1	3	1	0	1	3
Clapham	3	3	1	1	1	0	2

"EARLY" DIVISION.

City of London	7	0	0	2	0	0	4
Rotondas	5	1	1	2	0	0	4
Barnard Com. Dwell.	4	2	1	2	0	0	4
Hampstead	3	3	1	1	1	0	2
Martlet	1	5	1	0	2	0	0

THIRD DIVISION.

West End	5	1	1	2	0	0	4
Whitechapel	5	1	1	2	0	0	4
City of London	4	2	1	2	0	0	4
Killarney	3	3	1	1	1	0	2
West London	2	4	1	0	2	0	0
Midland Railway	1	5	1	0	2	0	0

FOURTH DIVISION.

Amalgamated Press	7	0	0	2	0	0	4
Ealing	5	1	1	2	0	0	4
Walthamstow	5	1	1	2	0	0	4
Whitechapel	4	2	1	2	0	0	4
Metropolitan Railway	3	3	1	1	1	0	2
West London	1	5	1	0	2	0	0
Hampstead	0	6	1	0	3	0	0

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Draught Champion (Mr. Alfred Jordan) recently visited Hilston, Cambs, where he gave an extremely entertaining exhibition, winning 21 out of 24 games played on the simultaneous system. Mr. Jordan, on 1st inst., visited St. Paul's Institute, Hammersmith, Alfred was observed to be heavily off guard, which, where he defeated a strong local player by 33 points to a match of SCO us. Clubs are thinking of organising a visit from Mr. Jordan should write to at once.

We were glad to see Mr. R. Sellaway once again in our midst on Monday. Only the day previous White had completely recovered. Both his dear wife and he have to be very glad to discover that Bath is such a healthy place, and we are sure all of us should see him completely restored to health. While in the Marine Hospital at Bath Mr. Sellaway was instrumental in the formation of no one exceeding in making even a draw against him.

The "Draughts World" (Lyon, post free from Wm. Lowe, Lincoln) for December 1st contains (amongst) December 1) to hand with contributed matter. An interesting article, "Some Draughts Memories and Anecdotes," is commenced, while the news from the provinces, games, etc., are well up to the usual standard.

Mr. Alfred Jordan writes us that a correspondence chess match between the Edinburgh and the R.M.A. rooms of Halifax, Nova Scotia, a medal having been given to the player making the best total score in the two games, is on. We should like to hear anything of this kind in the Mother Country, and further particulars would be interesting. With the "Evening Mail," the game would seem to be "creating" in this corner of the Colony. By the way, the Correspondence match between Halifax (Yorks.) v. Halifax (Nova Scotia) we should like to hear of to put the two other late communications of the latter to favourably.

A friendly match between two London League clubs in Bolton and Surrey Commercial Docks, resulted in favour of the former (who are reader-ers at the latter's rooms) by a score of 7 wins to 6 with 5 draws.

Mr. Ayre, secretary of the executive of the English Draughts Association (to which all the Irish clubs belong), writes us that a meeting of the executive, when most probably, the appointment of district representatives will come under consideration. Mr. Ayre is one of those who think that the best men are not always found who will put their hearts into the work, they will soon resign, and the result is a weak executive. The strongest position that it has ever been my pleasure to occupy, I have several times seen in our county, who have been the very good friends of the Irish Draughts Society, Messrs. Ansley (Ramsgate) (Thar) (Fly-weight), Harvey (Oxford), those willing to serve on the executive of the association, would do well to communicate with Mr. W. Gutteridge, 51, Church-st., Pudsey, near Leeds. Of course, those not already members of the E.D.A. will be required to become so before taking up office, but this would be no drawback that organising ability and energy are the principal essentials required in a representative.

There are a few readers who have been under the impression that I am a member of the English Draughts Association. Such is not the case, and I have no intention of doing so. I have many friends who are members, and Mr. T. W. Wood, the secretary of the E.D.A., still has my copies of that unique work, the Britain v. America Match Games, and I have written reviews of the book and makes the holder a member of the English Draughts Association.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. Stewart (Ansel. Free).—Our reply of last week referred to the first list of play forwarded; that dated 29th ult. did not reach us until the Tuesday, which is late for publication. Mr. Hill (Coventry).—Have forwarded your letter to the publishers. A. Bryson, of Glasgow, who will supply you with the "Draughts World," a good free, is a very good book for the beginner, and will suit your requirements nicely. Study them, and then write us again. Geo. (The Wells, America).—Your games are all in, but your copy and coupon are worthless to membership of the English Draughts Association. Have written you twice, 5, Lane (E. London).—Thanks for letter with chess problem; you verily are the long-lost

BOTTOMLEY CASE.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF FORMER CLERK.

Every seat in the court was again occupied, and many people were unable to gain admittance, when Ald. Sir G. Smallman resumed the hearing at the Guildhall of the charges of conspiracy to defraud the public against Mr. Horatio Bottomley, M.P. for South Hackney. It is in connection with the Joint Stock Trust and Finance Corporation, of which Mr. Bottomley was chairman, and the Selected Gold Mines of Australia that the charges are brought, and the other defendants are Geo. Fewings, ex-secretary of the trust; Wm. Stevenson, a clerk; and Dalton Eusum. There are three groups of charges; they have to do with:—

(1) An alleged appropriation of the proceeds of debentures in the Selected company obtained from the holders under pretence of converting them into shares.

(2) An alleged scheme for obtaining cash from shareholders in the company under pretence that it would be employed in bona fide stock operations in which a profit was certain, and the alleged appropriation of money so obtained.

(3) Alleged duplication of shares in the trust, whereby persons who paid for or dealt in them were defrauded.

"Blackmail."

—Mr. Bottomley, who is conducting his own case, resumed his cross-examination of Leonard Levie (formerly his shorthand clerk).—Witness had stated that he had gone to the Official Receiver in order to protect himself. Mr. Bottomley's first question was what he meant by "protecting" himself.—Levie: I went for the purpose of satisfying myself, knowing what had taken place considerable time before, and to find out if things were going on. He had been advised, he continued, to make a statement by a Mr. Fox, an official in the Official Receiver's department. He did so, signing it.—How would that protect you? asked Mr. Bottomley. I knew that if there was a prosecution I should probably be brought in, and thought I had better protect myself.—Mr. Bottomley: Now I am going to suggest another interpretation of the phrase "I thought I had better protect myself." Had you said to anyone that you thought I was contemplating proceedings against you for blackmail? Certainly not. I never at any time had any thought of blackmailing you.

The Dirty Work.

The witness said that he remembered going to Fewings' house and seeing Mrs. Fewings. He denied having said to her, "If Mr. Bottomley will not send me some more money I will take up another line." He had never told Mr. Bottomley of the destruction of important documents of the company, because he presumed that "a certain course would have been adopted with regard to myself had I done so."—Mr. Bottomley: I agree with you.—Here Mr. Bottomley desired to see one of the allotment sheets, and the search for this among the documents occasioned some noise in court, and Mr. Bottomley, turning somewhat impatiently, asked that the noise should cease. "But they are looking for the document you want," protested the Treasury solicitor. "There are two ways of doing even that," retorted Mr. Bottomley. "That is the official way." The retort aroused laughter in court.—Witness was questioned regarding his statement that Fewings had said he had to do "the dirty work," and said Fewings was "always complaining about being left down there to himself."

A Shareholder's Statement.

—Harold A. Stamper, a dental surgeon, practising at Barrow-in-Furness and Ulverton, said he held a £100 Debenture in the Associated Financial Corporation, and in April, 1904, received a circular signed L. G. Brown, asking him to send up his old Debenture, as the company was in liquidation, and sign a form. In due course the new Debenture would be forwarded to him. In July he received a letter from the Joint Stock Trust respecting his Debenture shares in the Selected Gold Mines, and in consequence he sent the transfer to Brown to be exchanged for a hundred Selected shares. He thought it was requisite. He did not remember whether there was any consideration money upon it, but he thought not. He could not remember whether it was dated. He believed there was a quotation on the Stock Exchange, and that a transfer was necessary. The sold note sent to him on Aug. 16 and the bought note of the same date buying his Selected shares at 1¼ for settlement special were signed L. G. Brown. From the circular sent to him witness understood that the sale was a sale for money. He first learned that there was a sale for a special settlement after he had returned the transfers. He had his first intimation of the special settlement from the contract note. When he wrote on Aug. 17 asking when he might expect to receive his cheque he received a reply from Brown stating that it would be announced in the financial papers before he got the letter. He did not know that the Selected shares were not marketable.—Mr. Bottomley: Were you defrauded over the stock operation? I won't say I was defrauded, but I was disappointed.—Adjourned.

DRAMATIC SCENE IN COURT.

A dramatic scene was witnessed in the Greenwich County Court when Mrs. Maud Robinson, of Southwark Park-rd., sued her husband, John Arthur Robinson, of Brockley, for £5 arrears of maintenance under an agreement.—When the case was called on the Registrar said that he had received a letter stating that defendant had died in St. Thomas's Hospital.—Upon hearing this Mrs. Robinson went into a deep swoon, falling in the box and remaining unconscious for a considerable time.—Plaintiff's solicitor said the announcement was news to him, and he asked for an adjournment, which was granted.

BAD MONEY.

At the Central Criminal Court, Arthur Scott, labourer, convicted of being found in possession of 22 counterfeit coins, and also of moulds, etc., adapted to the making of false shilling pieces, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour.

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WEST-END FLATS.

ALIEN LANDLORD AND HIS TENANTS.

Some curious revelations were made at Bow-st., when Henrich Rabe, a German, living in Little St. Andrew-st., appeared before Mr. Marsham to a summons charging him with being a party to the continued use of premises, of which he was the landlord, for improper purposes. — Mr. Rotton supported the summons on behalf of the Westminster City Council; Mr. Pfabl appeared for defendant.—Mr. Rotton said that the premises in question were known as Wellington Mansions, Castle-st., Long Acre, and consisted of 13 flats, which were approached by a common entrance. For seven nights in July special police observation was kept upon the premises, as the result of which defendant received a letter from the Westminster City Council calling his attention to what was going on. In reply, he thanked the council for their letter, and said he would take steps to free the building of tenants of a questionable character. Some of the women were, in fact, got rid of for a short time, but they very soon returned, and further observation was kept on the premises in October. The place was

An Intolerable Nuisance

to the neighbours. Witnesses for the prosecution were not quite certain with which particular flat the complaints were concerned, but in a recent case it was held that where women of a certain class used a block of buildings for an improper purpose it made the whole building liable.—Sergt. 4 E gave evidence in support of counsel's statement, and P.C. 214 E corroborated.—Evidence was given to show that defendant and another man were the rated occupiers of the buildings, but defendant always paid the rates.—Mr. F. Longland, builder, living opposite the flats, was called for the prosecution. He said the building had been a disgrace and a nuisance to the neighbours for three years. Owing to the way in which the flats were used witness was losing his tenants. He had seen defendant there daily and nightly.—Mr. Pfabl: Have you ever been to the flats?—Mr. Pfabl said defendant was the mortgagee in possession. He got rid of all the tenants when he found that some of them were behaving improperly, and those now in possession were under notice to leave. He only charged from two or three guineas a week for each flat, although they were well furnished.

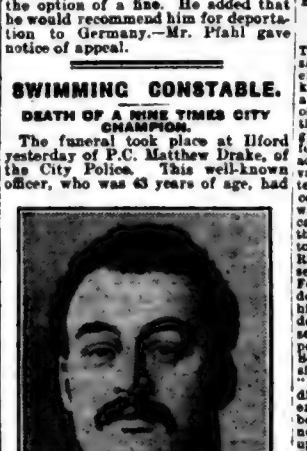
Notice of Appeal.

Some of the flats had been occupied by highly respectable persons—well-known actors and actresses and music-hall artists. People in that position were likely to have a good many respectable visitors.—Defendant was called, and said he did his best to see that the place was respectably conducted. He made some of the ladies sign an agreement.—Defendant was questioned as to one particular tenant, and said she paid him £3 10s. weekly for her furnished flat. All the flats were rated separately.—Mr. Rotton remarked that that flat was rated at £20 a year only, and £3 10s. weekly appeared to be a good rental. —In reply to the magistrate, it was stated that there had been no complaints of robbery.—Mr. Marsham said defendant must have known what was going on, and sentenced him to one month's imprisonment without the option of a fine. He added that he would recommend him for deportation to Germany.—Mr. Pfahl gave notice of appeal.

SWIMMING CONSTABLE.

DEATH OF A NINE TIMES CITY CHAMPION.

The funeral took place at Ilford yesterday of P.C. Matthew Drake, of the City Police. This well-known officer, who was 43 years of age, had



P.C. MATTHEW DRAKE.

served in the force for over 22 years, and was highly esteemed, not only by his comrades, but by all who knew him. For eight years he had been engaged on duty at the Central Criminal Court. As an athlete Drake was an excellent swimmer, and in 1892 he won the Long Distance Swimming Championship of England. He was the winner of numerous prizes for swimming, and for nine years held the Police Championship. The deceased officer leaves a widow and two daughters.

POLICE-COURT OFFICIALS.

The 31st annual dinner of the Metropolitan Police Court Officials' Benevolent Society was held at Frascati's Restaurant. Mr. Oswald Hanson presided, and was supported by a number of gentlemen connected with the courts. The company numbered about 250, and Mr. A. Terry, the hon. secretary of the society, explained that funds were required for the proper development of the society's object, which was to provide retiring and death allowances.

YOUTHFUL DEPRAVITY.

At the Central Criminal Court, before Justice Sutton, Edw. Whiddett, aged 17, a french polisher, of Battersea, pleaded guilty of a criminal assault on a girl, five years of age, with whose parents he had been lodging. —Taking into consideration prisoner's youth and previous good character, his lordship sentenced him to six months' hard labour.

THE TURF.

By "LARRY LYNX" (W. LOTINGA).

*** "Larry Lynx" cannot correspond with his readers, nor can he act upon any consideration undertake betting commissions.

[Notes on the Week's Racing, with Jottings and Analysis of important pending Races, appear in full, together with Selections for each day, in our Friday and Saturday Editions. The whole is condensed into the briefest possible space in our Sunday issue, which mainly deals with Saturday's Racing and selections for the early part of the ensuing week. The earlier editions should be ordered through a Newsagent, or at the Railway Bookstalls.]

THE NEWMARKET SALES.

The week's sensation has been the extraordinary success of the December sales, especially having regard to the unquestionably bad times all round, and the dread that "there would be no money for bloodstock." Time after time this has been refuted at this and other auctions when the stock has been worth buying. But this week a sort of glamour seemed to have surrounded the rostrum, so that horses have brought extraordinary rates, thousands being given as if they were mere units. It is the forfeit in consequence that is wholly responsible for this, for the sales have now become a world-wide institution, although of quite recent origin. It would almost seem impossible to find sufficient horses to fill a full week's catalogue from 9.30 in the morning until six o'clock in the evening without any intermission. In fact, the last hour and a half of each day's auctions has been conducted under electric light, the horses in the ring appearing almost grotesque, like spectres. Their name and shape certainly could hardly be seen, while, as was jocularly said, this was truly "buying in the dark."

For the breeding stock it was very often a case of England v. France pactically when Mr. Musker opposed Mr. Fairbrother, who, as usual, occupied his one particular seat right under the rostrum. Mr. W. Bailey also frequently "got home" in his bids. Many a racehorse in training who had been running in and could have been claimed out of selling races at Aloo was now retained twice the price now everyone expressing it as "wonderful." A big contrast was supplied between the very handsome young sire, Gallinago, and his stable companion, St. Olialia, who, on her public form, was not worth a third of the 1,650gs. she brought. As usual, there were a very large number of ladies present; in fact, most of the wives and sisters of the Newmarket trainers and jockeys look forward to these auctions and attend regularly each day. Among the men, caps were de rigueur, with curious fur-lined coats strongly in evidence as habiliments; seeing how their wearers bid in hundreds they must have had very deep pockets. Among the bargains of the week were most of Lord Carnarvon's draft, Mr. R. C. Dawson, their trainer, having already started on a trip to India. Sintram, perfectly sound, as a "ready made" hurdle race winner, so that Mr. Hibbert will now be lucky as usual in his bigger-priced purchases. Lord Carnarvon is only selling because he really does not care for jumping, and has no room, so that this was a splendid opportunity for anyone trying to get together a stable of hurdle racers. Urgos was dirt cheap at 200gs., and although so small—he stands just under 14.3—Opal, a smart sprinter, was not dear at 620gs., the little chap being the only one in the team upon which any reserve was put. He is a perfectly miniature racehorse, and the truest runner that has ever been foaled either at home or in his races. I went to 500gs. and thought he was cheap, but will probably ever regret having been last bidder for Valdes after a long fight, and similary just missing Forbiter and Murat, a very common, plain little horse, but likely to improve. Valdes is quite a nice sort, also on the small side, another wiry one booked to me was Green Ribbon, who stays like all the Black Sands.

SANDOWN.

Typical December—keen, but bright. The fair sport was witnessed by a rather small assemblage, the feature being the extraordinary way in which the horses kept tumbling. The going was naturally a little holding, but more probably lack of condition and practice caused everything to finish dead tired and to come to grief, especially when "beat" at the last few obstacles. The executive here have adopted the coloured armlets for the various races and had put the usual temporary fence before that race course against the rails. With Carrick, who has recently won two hurdle handicaps, in a selling and further claiming the allowance, his favouritism and victory were practically assured. Yet the Ring fielded, and at the last flight Otto seemed to have him well beaten. Young Feelan must have had extreme confidence to allow two of the others to head him, but he won cleverly finally, the desire among the others being to get second. The Alfriston colours were expected to improve on that placing in the Selling Steeplechase—in fact Batho considered The Longmynd—whose trouble is "downstairs"—certain to win if his legs did not go; while Mr. Bottomley came expressly to have £100 on him. The beautifully topped little chestnut was never really in the race, and Flashbeid upheld Mr. C. R. Hodgson's great confidence in leaving down his winnings over the previous race. The horse always tries to run out at Sandown, so that Dick Morgan carried an extraordinary kind of whip with a bush and like a golf niblick; he fulfilled his jocular promise to Mr. Hodgson "not to fall off at the ditch." G. P. Huntley arrived post haste in his motor just as they were going to post and saw his big horse Australasia gain the surplus share—which will pay part of the expenses in his next week's trip to America. The hurdle handicap cut down to seven, nearly all hooded, especially Amersham, who also carried unusually big "blinds." The powerful chestnut had won this race last year and is one of the lucky animals who keep on winning and yet always seem to have about the same bandage. The contrast is Amabit, who invariably has a chance equally invariably runs well, and yet is just good enough to get beaten in these races. A new jockey in Mason was tried upon him, but it was merely "a walking race," so that it deliberately played into the hands of the top-weight. 100 to 1 was abouted for three among the juveniles; exactly confirmed was the previous form here with Redmond and W. M., and it characterised Hartigan's young horse as a really good 'un, destined, I should say, even to exceed the success of his sire General Peace. The race was marred by a horrible fall, brought about by the swerving Carrier Pigeon, who, at the time, was going well. Mr. Bewicke's horse jumped right across Church Plate, both being brought down, the horse breaking his leg and Fitton a rib, although he walked back. Malgre their being traduced oppositely no one is more sympathetic than the sportsman, and despite the finish I grew anent the glasses of 99 out of 100 in all the Rings were fixed upon the spot where Whiley was lying. It was justifiably said that Maher, who had three engaged, "ought to know" what could win the Ewell Steeplechase, and the unlucky Razorbill had the verdict perfectly safe when he fell unaccountably and heavily to go though landing with his front legs crossed in the straight. Roars in turn announced the falling of Sprinkle Me and Autocar, only two passing the post, and the victory of Merry John being indirectly lucky. Naturally Hartigan's representative—which happened to be Grulnard—was favourite for the Priory Steeplechase, which Spring Gate looked like winning for at least three parts of the way; but he barely stays the two miles, especially on a severe course, and the free-moving and safe-jumping Porridge carried her Plumpton penalty, to the gratification of her popular owner, Mr. Ambrose Gorham, who revels in steeplechasing. This was "gruel" to the King. The mare is very bloodlike, otherwise there would be hopes of a repetition of the Shannon Lass National success

LATEST.

Would "Dr. Brighton" or a sea voyage —for one day—brace one up better than exercise between the fences in the keen, healthy air at Sandown yesterday? Exciting sport, with sensational finishes, and just the leaven of surprise that racing is supposed to yield—and bookmakers like. Of course, Adansi won the first race—the usual selling steeple. This is "his" course, although the bookmakers fielded because of thinking that the old horse should not have won at Gatwick. But whatever the weight, or the odds, or the company, you can, at Sandown, rely on Adansi, like his owner, to pull through. It was unquestionably "the" most popularly popular victory of the day—what cheering, what an ovation. Whatever the trend of current events there can be no gainsaying the universal recognition of the vermilion and black halved jacket as being borne by dozens of horses week after week in "dead straight" sportsmanlike manner. "Good old Adansi!" Now again bought in and having earned his three annual races he is to be given a rest for the next three months, and will merely lead the Alfriston yearlings in home work. Shirley—like so many horses at the meeting—fell at the first ditch. The few entries allowed a whole page to be given to this race, and it should be so right through the card. Although Hallick wouldn't have Peter Bell back after he won at Kempton, that form seemed to make him a gambling chance in the selling hurdle for those of his age, and I am afraid that Charlie Hannam must have betted freely. The big horse jumped on the skew, but all the way you couldn't name the odds it seemed on him, especially when over the last flight Mason was sitting still four lengths in front, but he felt the horse stopping and began to ride him. That made it worse and literally dwelling in the air each stride and trying to go sideways, crab fashion, the horse deliberately allowed himself to be beaten a neck—the actual impossible. And you could see "the other," Rumbling Rector, was going to get up 100 yards down. On the flat the Rector himself used to do the "curling up." On same alone he is frequently backed by sporting parsons—that grand specimen of REAL men who are becoming almost extinct. Woodland sold me the bad 'un to Cootes, who is a "cloak" jockey here; is no neophyte lad, having had no end of practice and successes in Australia. But punters and the ring didn't know him, or of him—hence the 20 to 1. Mention of Wootton's name reminds me that Master Frank—the best "horse" in the Epsom stable—was playing football for his school yesterday afternoon. He is studying hard all the winter, having the half-holidays for hunting or "soccer." Mystical—last year's winner—again ran for the December Hurdle Handicap, now cut down from 3½ to 2½ miles. Mr. F. Taylor used to run Grit in this event for years, but found a new one to carry the grey and white hoops. And the Sovereign proved a good opening—and what a tip it was! Mattie Macgregor, placed in the last National, finished strongly, but Fred Withington's luck was out. Another stable, too, not able to do right was Nightingall's, for Savernake was thought good and looked like the danger until eased when not able to catch Sovereign. Can anyone pretend that ANY 200 sov. race on the flat COULD produce the true sport and exhilarating sight of the Sandown Handicap steeplechase now!—3½ miles and three times past the stand with only one fall, through the crowding, at the stand ditch the first round. Mr. Paul Nelke—not often present at jumping meetings—motored down to see Mount Prospect's fortune win—and money besides. Public form said he would. With his tail tied up the powerful young chaser looked really well; he ran a great horse, and everyone felt sorry that so splendid a fight should, as at Newbury, be robbed of actual victory by something receiving nearly three stone—Lord Chatham. I had noted this little horse running so well behind Veglo at the last meeting here for three miles, and on that form "tipped" (and backed) him at Newbury, where he was down the course, and again twice since—even the preceding day here—when he absented. Now of course he turns up to beat "ours"—Irish Wisdom—who gave his exactly usual performance, looking like winning from two to three miles, and then finding something to beat him in the straight. Last March Mount Prospect's Fortune just beat him similarly in the Grand Military Gold Cup; that form was on worse terms for the topweight again upheld. Irish Wisdom's cerise jacket was never out of the first three—his name shouted all the last circuit. Mason, in lieu of making the running as usual, kept him second—outjumping the others at every fence—to try and nurse the little horse to get the 2 miles—but he can't quite. I hope the Lingfield three miles on Saturday will suit him, and give reparation. The horse did look well, and Mr. Withington was hopeful; he has only had him four month. Mason, who used to be Hartigan's lucky jockey, and Cowley, who is, had been in the "objection room" before racing, and now had another dust up in the Pond Steeplechase. Pat Cullinan—a handsome young horse—"looked like doing it" round the bend, always just holding Denmark, but Black Ivory came again and did them both. On the flat Mr. Chaffin only offered to bet Adam Scott a new hat that he'd be first past the post the first round, for he WILL be in front making the running. He was there the second time, too. There never was a better case of man and horse being in unison—for Scott used to win the Lingfield three mile "chase" with Rhine on the old black. Then Woodland, Halli k, and other fashionable trainers had him—crack jockeys rode him and he was no good at all, getting worse and worse, useless and tailed off in sellings—being the "dog" horse which injured poor Birch. Then he got back again to Scott's ownership, recognised it, appreciated the amateur (?) training and dashing jockeyship, and became at once a very successful handicap horse. Black Ivory's light blue claret cap is exactly like Old Fairyhouse's turquoise and chocolate cap. The hero (?) of 1907's Grand Military here came a purler at the first ditch, Mr. Bewicke being rather badly hurt. Truly, 'tis plucky for amateurs to risk their necks and limbs. The last race on a Saturday—which means so much to so many—the "getting out" or "in" stakes—fell to the odds on favourite. Le Viso, who, as at Kempton, beat Balbrigan. Mr. Hodgson's horse is a "sticky" jumper, and kept losing lengths at every hurdle; thus Morgan couldn't help being a long way behind all the seven fell the last flight. Thence he gave Le Viso at least six lengths, but just failed to repeat the Rambling Rector sensation. The little horse is doing a bit better each time, and would have won it in two more strides, or had he come a bit earlier. To the bookies' cry of "Come on, Brother" Dillon on Brother Bill rode a desperately hard finish for a time trying to catch the leader. The tip of the card for this race was "blue"—the blue jacket didn't quite come up, so the colour represented the looks and feelings of poor, popular Mr. Hodgson. Second with Mount Prospect's Fortune and Balbriggan was a bit cruel.

NOTES ON RACING.
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A Midland round to begin the week and the remainder practically metropolitan, for as such we look upon both Newbury and Lingfield. At Nottingham, to morrow, I would look on, but in Tuesday's Mapperley Steeplechase, CARSEY, although not half the horse Mr. Kerne thought him, is handicapped upon his moderate Gatwick running, and therefore is worthy of being adhered to, especially if there was any foundation for making his favourite last week, and more particularly backing him so heavily at Sandown a month ago. The "good thing" of the meeting, however, if not of the week, must on public form be

CHESSINGTON,

for the big steeplechase, for, on the Kempton running, he should again beat Cannock Lad. And it is sure not to be quite such a fast run race, much thereby to the advantage of Mr. Stedall's horse, who is bound to give his backers (as he and all Mr. Stedall's representatives do) a real good run for their money. Yesterday Mr. Stedall sold little Melane to go to Belgium.

At Newbury, THE LONGMYND, who was always badly placed at Sandown, may reverse the positions with Australasia and appropriately take the Alfriston Steeplechase. BURRA SAHIB has a big chance in the Cranborne Handicap, and, with only a 7lb. penalty, almost wholly neutralised by a 5lb. flat race maiden allowance. JEALOUSY would beat the rest in the Juvenile Plate. Spring Gate, who hardly gets two miles, will not refuse this severe course in the Midland Steeplechase, in which I should pick MARK as the best; and then, with Steptather wiped out at Sandown, little KILJOY may win the Moderate Handicap.

On the second day BIKILL, with the best of the weights, is better class than the rest in the Valesbury Selling Plate. BALBRIGGAN must be followed in the Hants Maiden Plate, and what will be a popular success should be brought off by THE DRUDGE in the Berks Handicap—in fact, I reckon this the best thing at the meeting.

All "Rhodes" should lead to Lingfield on Friday and Saturday, if only for the "Custom" of the house.

SPORT JOTTINGS.

Of the leading nine flat race jockeys only four were born in England, Sarby adding to the medley through claiming India as his birth-place.

The many friends of Mr. Harry Hyams will learn with pleasure that he is recovering from the slight accident, but in the meantime desires a little latitude in regard to the accumulation of unanswered correspondence.

Following upon my recent purchases I have this week shipped to South Africa two pretty useful two-year-olds in the direction of Cook and Feller Night, who should surely do well in that country of wonderful climate.

Mr. Ben Aarons very naturally desires to express his appreciation to those who either by their efforts or by subscriptions helped the recent concert of the Empire Bread, Meat and Coal Society, which, as usual each December, he organised at the East End. Needless to say that the man who does these kindly acts and presided at the entertainment is a sportsman.

Lieut. H. Rochfort-Boyd, of the 25th Lancers, becomes a benedict on Jan. 7, his bride being Miss Akroyd. The popular soldier was the best man-at-arms last year, and only missed victory again by one point this year. He is one of the stewards, handicappers, and judges for nearly all the military tournaments, and of boxing, and is without doubt one of the most popular men in the Army, and a particular favourite with the Duke of Connaught, who nicknames him the "Wild Irishman."

The fact that it was exactly two years ago this week that poor Arthur Birch met with his terrible accident must make any item of news concerning this plucky, splendid fellow of interest. I have just heard from him again in a communication which shows how, despite his horrible physical circumstances, he is still interested in the game, for he remarks how "Maher's riding has done jumping a bit of good, and shows that the crack flat race jockey's heart is in the right place, whilst if there were two or three more owners like Mr. Assheton Smith, the old winter sport would quite buck up." Birch adds, "I would have given something to have been there, but I have ridden and seen my last race."

There is no more famous name or household word in the Turf world than that of Sherwood, which for three or four generations now has been honourably associated with racing. Recently Mr. Sherwood, the very popular veteran trainer, achieved his 70th birthday, and is enjoying perfect health; in fact, was present at Lingfield the previous day, and is as energetic as any man half his age. Sherwood is the doyen—and the Adonis—among present-day trainers, for he still controls the establishment known as The Downs, Epsom, where he was born, and has lived in all his life. It is situated in the centre of Epsom Downs, a few paces from the starting-post for the Derby and City and Suburban. A primitive but comfortable and excessively picturesque residence, it is the building that one can just recognise in the centre of a cluster of trees when looking straight ahead from the stands. Mr. Sherwood's build and stature would hardly lead one to believe that as a boy he was a feather-weight jockey; in fact, rode Dom Pedro, the winner of the Surrey and Middlesex Handicap at the now defunct Egham meeting, carrying 6st. 12lb., for at that time the minimum imposts were less than is now the case. Mr. Sherwood has enjoyed a lengthy happy married life, and has a numerous family, among them two sons, who are, however, not following in their father's footsteps. Although both have given him a helping hand in the training of the horses, and have ridden occasionally as jockeys—especially Lewis—both are now in India, engaged in the coal trade, and prospering. Although not so noticeably prominent in regard to any famous horses, and unquestionably overshadowed now by the demand for the younger school, with up-to-date methods, which may be more "flash," but not an advantage, Sherwood can look back upon a very long honourable career of unchequered success, and the fact that his name is equally revered by the public as it is esteemed by the authorities.

Again are the poor helping the poor, for Messrs. Reed and Pickett, of Rotherhithe, have organised a concert for the benefit of the widow and child of the late Mr. Fenwick Handel, who died after a long-suffering illness and left his wife and child in poor circumstances. It is a very deserving case.

The members of the Hampstead centre of the Girls' Realm Guild as usual each year produced "The Runaway Girl" on Wednesday and Thursday this week in aid of their fund instituted for the purpose of assisting the daughters of needy gentlefolk. Naturally sportsmen and Stock Exchange men had a big hand in it, the acting manager being Mr. Percy Botterill, the business manager Mr. Walter Joseph, and the stage manager Mr. Adrian S. Sydney. The play was produced under the direction of Mr. Hubert A. Meredith, the musical director being Mr. Robert S. Ker.

The greatest honour that has ever been paid to an amateur sculler was the accorded to H. T. Blackstaffe, the world's amateur champion sculler, on Monday, when at the Mansion House the Lord Mayor presented the veteran oarsman with a trophy on behalf of the City of London, in recognition of his sportsmanship and ability. The substantial memento is a miniature of Blackstaffe himself in his sculling boat made in solid gold, and the only regret which Blackstaffe has is that he naturally had to immediately commit the trophy to the care of a bank for safe keeping. Such, indeed, have never previously been offered to any amateur athlete. Blackstaffe, together with Mr. R. J. Calcutt, president of the Vesta R.C., and two or three of the sculler's friends were subsequently invited to lunch with the Lord Mayor.

I strongly advise all my readers to get a copy of "The People" Year Book for 1909 (1s. from all newsagents or 1s. 6d. direct from "The People," Milford-lane, Strand). The new issue contains a mass of information of interest to sportsmen, and for reference is simply invaluable.

YESTERDAY'S RACING.

SANDOWN PARK MEETING.

EFFINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.

Mr. Bottomley's Adansi, a-11 12
P. Cowley 1
Mr. Yates's H.T., 6-10 5 ..... Hollason 2
Mr. Yates's Kedgeree, a-10 12 ..... Mr. Walwyn 3

Winner trained by Batho.

Also ran: Conart, The Caliph, Shirley. Betting: 11 to 10 agst Adansi, 5 to 1 agst Kedgeree, 5 to 1 agst The Caliph, and 10 to 1 agst any other. Won easily by 6 lengths; 8 2nd and 3rd.

SELLING THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE RACE.

Mr. Wootton's Rambling Rector, 10-7
Cootes 1
Mr. Hannam's Peter Bell, 10-12 F. Mason 2
Capt. Wood's Greek Play, 10-7 P. Cowley 3

Winner trained by Owner.

Also ran: Hopping Bird, Scythe, Lady Lonely. Betting: 5 to 4 agst Peter Bell, 5 to 2 agst Greek Play, 4 to 1 agst Lady Lonely, 100 to 8 agst Hopping Bird, 100 to 7 agst Scythe, and 20 to 1 agst Rambling Rector. Won a good race by a neck, 4 lengths 2nd and 3rd.

DECEMBER HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.

Mr. Taylor's Sovereign, 5-10 2 Wilson 1
Mr. Cooper's Mattie MacGregor, 6-12 7
T. Anthony 2
Mr. Bottomley's Melusine II., 4-11 0
Hollason 3

Winner trained by Wilson.

Also ran: Ireland, Rex, Savernake, The Alant, Mystical, Matol, Stepfather. Betting: 2 to 1 agst Rex, 9 to 2 agst Sovereign, 5 to 1 agst Savernake, 7 to 1 agst Mattie MacGregor, and 100 to 8 agst any other. Won by ¾ length; 5 lengths 2nd and 3rd.

SANDOWN HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.

Mr. Aston's Lord Chatham, 6-9 12
McKenna 1
Mr. Nelke's Mount Prospect's Fortune, 6-12 7
R. Morgan 2
Mr. Hill's Irish Wisdom, 6-10 0
F. Mason 3

Winner trained by McKenna.

Also ran: Roman Law, Weather Eye, Downpatrick, First Champion, Sundowner, Warner, and Glencorrig. Betting: 7 to 4 agst Mount Prospect's Fortune, 4 to 1 agst Lord Chatham, 7 to 1 agst Irish Wisdom, 8 to 1 each agst Roman Law and Weather Eye, 10 to 1 each agst Glencorrig and First Champion, and 100 to 8 agst any other. Won by 12 lengths; 6 2nd and 3rd.

POND HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.

Mr. Scott's Black Ivory, a-11 5 Owner 1
Mr. Hartigan's Pat Cullinan, 5-12 2
P. Cowley 2
Mr. Bibby's Denmark, a-11 7 F. Mason 3

Winner trained by Owner.

Also ran: Old Fairyhouse, Valencian, Jack, Wingfield, and Ordinance. Betting: 2 to 1 agst Pat Cullinan, 5 to 1 each agst Ordinance, Old Fairyhouse, and Denmark, 8 to 1 agst Valencian, and 10 to 1 agst any other. Won in a canter by 3 lengths; 4 2nd and 3rd.

MILBURN HURDLE RACE.

Mr. Mills's Le Viso, 3-10 12 P. Cowley 1
Mr. Hodgson's Balbriggan, 4 11 3
R. Morgan 2
Mr. Stedall's Brother Bill, 6-11 8
J. Dillon 3

Winner trained by F. Hartigan.

Also ran: King Thrush. Betting: 13 to 8 on Le Viso, 4 to 1 agst Balbriggan, 9 to 2 agst King Thrush, and 8 to 1 agst Brother Bill. Won by a neck, a bad third.

HAYDOCK PARK MEETING.

NEWTON HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.

Mr. Campbell's Holyhead, 4-11 0
E. Thompson 1
Mr. Howard's Eber Finn, 4-11 0
E. Lawn 2
Mr. Jardine Patterson's Independence, 5-10 0 ..... Chadwick 3

Also ran: Obtruder, Clinker, Salamet, Auchinerwire, Cyrus, and Bahn. Betting: 2 to 1 agst Holyhead, 4 to 1 agst Eber Finn, and 6 to 1 agst Independence. Won by ¾ length; 3 lengths 2nd and 3rd.

JUVENILE SELLING HURDLE RACE.

Mr. Charlton's Bayar, 10-12 ..... Adams 1
Mr. Hall Walker's Master Magpie, 10-7
Chadwick 2
Mr. Gunter's Maritzburg, 10-7 Owner 3

Also ran: Old Harry, Tertian, Keesing-ton, George, and Diapre. Betting: 7 to 2 agst Bayar, 5 to 4 agst Master Magpie, and 5 to 1 agst Maritzburg. Won by ¾ length; 3 lengths 2nd and 3rd.

HAYDOCK PARK HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.

Mr. Bostock's Moynalty, 5-10 5
Chadwick 1
Mr. Gunter's Bodger II., 5-10 5
H. Brown 2
Mr. Clyde's Onward, a-12 7 ..... Walsh 3

Also ran: Springmount, St. Benet, Medico, and Cannock Lad. Betting: 6 to 1 agst Moynalty, 7 to 2 agst Bodger II., and 4 to 1 agst Onward. Won by ¾ length, 2 lengths 2nd and 3rd.

SATURDAY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.

Mr. Woodland's Restee Seule, 5-12 7
F. Lyall 1
Mr. Dobell's Stockwell Queen, 5-10 11
Parkinson 2
Mr. Colling's Battery Dan, 4-12 0
Leader 3

Also ran: Wise Love, Vickers, Hawthorn, Lychnabite, Will Elsey, Kazan, Black Red, and Huguenot. Betting: 10 to 1 each agst Restee Seule, Stockwell Queen, and Battery Dan. Won by 3 lengths; 1 2nd and 3rd.

ST. HELEN'S HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.

Mr. Brook's Hallgate, a-10 11
Mr. H. Foster 1
Mr. Sanday's Lady Malta, a-10 11
Hehir 2
Mrs Wilson's St. Enogat, a-11 3 Bissill 3

Also ran: St. Boswells, Logan Rock and Vasari. Betting: 5 to 1 agst Hallgate, 10 to 1 agst Lady Malta, and 6 to 1 agst St. Enogat. Won by ¾ length, 12 lengths 2nd and 3rd.

CLUB STEEPLECHASE.

Mr. Henry's Moonstruck, a-12 4 Newey 1
Mr. Maher's Ballymacoll, a-11 5 Hehir 2
Mr. Sanday's Frampton, 4-10 12 Hehir 3

Also ran: Bembridge and Sanserverino. Betting: 5 to 4 agst Moonstruck, 6 to 4 agst Ballymacoll, and 20 to 1 agst Frampton. Won by 4 lengths; bad 3rd.

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WORLD OF WHEELS.

CYCLING.

Cycling and Other Hobbies.

A Plumstead reader writes me with reference to the question of uniting other hobbies with cycling that he finds a blend of fishing and cycling very suitable. He says, "I am a young married man with limited funds for pleasure, and having a sedentary occupation I value cycling as a means of exercise. I am also very fond of fishing, but in this district there are no fishing waters, consequently I have to travel for them, and this I find makes cycling a pleasure. My rods and tackle pack easily on my machine, and I can look back to some delightful half days spent in this manner. In the long summer days I am out sometimes at three or half past in the morning, and meet the sun rising. Possibly your correspondent does not care for fishing. Well, let me recommend him to cultivate a fondness for it, and he will add to the sum of his life's pleasures. A good book of instruction is John Bickerdyke's "Book of the All-round Angler," the perusal of which will, I am sure, inspire him with a desire to try his hand." There is no doubt my correspondent has found two hobbies that go very well together.

French Cycles.

When I was at the Paris show last week I was greatly struck with the advance which the French cycle makers have made during the past 12 months in the design of their machines. Last year the majority of the machines exhibited were of an obsolete type, with plunger brakes acting on the tyres, no free wheels, old-fashioned fork crowns, and altogether machines of quite an obsolete style. Now the majority of the French machines have been remodelled on English lines, with two rim brakes, free wheels, and in many cases variable gears. I am glad to learn that there is an increasing demand for English-made machines, although of the cheaper kind. The Frenchman nowadays wants his bicycle very cheap indeed, for the purchasers are chiefly the peasant class in rural districts, where, as in England, the labourer uses his machine as a means of getting to and from his work.

A Cycling Comedian.

Mr. Edmund Payne, the well-known Gaiety comedian, is a most enthusiastic cyclist, and, in addition to being president of the C.T.C., is a member of the Polytechnic Club. He thinks nothing of turning out to help a road record-breaker by undertaking part of his feeding and checking arrangements, and often helps his fellow-members wonderfully in this direction. He also assists his club, the Polytechnic, in their winter programme, and for the past year or two has written the amateur pantomime which the members of the Polytechnic Club produce annually, the various characters in which are sustained by members of the club and their lady friends, the ex-champion rider, A. J. Cherry, always taking a prominent part. This year's pantomime is to be on the subject of Bluebeard, and Mr. Payne, on his return from America, is expected to give his practical help in the rehearsals.

The Shipton Case.

In consequence of the delay in the settlement of the Shipton case, the committee who are helping Mr. Shipton find themselves at the end of their pecuniary resources, and make a strong appeal for subscriptions to enable them to provide the ordinary necessaries of life for Mr. Shipton, whose age and ill-health precludes him from obtaining any work. Mr. F. Maclean, of 5, Percy-circus, W.C., will be glad to receive any sums which may be sent him. I understand that a fresh meeting of the club will be called in order to get relief of £120 per annum voted as a pension to the late secretary.

Exhibitors at the Show.

There were 62 fewer machines exhibited at the Stanley Show this year as compared with last. As there were more exhibitors it is obvious that manufacturers are at last learning that a moderate number of machines well displayed are more effective than a large number of models all huddled up so that they cannot be properly inspected. To appreciate the good points of a machine it requires to be shown in a clear space.

WHEELER.

MOTORING.

The General Overhaul.

I think that there is nothing more fascinating than a general overhaul of one's car or motor-cycle, and the satisfaction of completing it for the first time with a new machine is all the more pronounced because one will have learned so much about the precise manner in which the particular model is put together. On finishing the work there is always the pleasant feeling that now one can do it again, at any time, with about half the difficulty which has had to be surmounted at the initial attempt. I have just picked every part of my 18-h.p. Siziaire to pieces, and a ticklish job it has been, for the parts fit into each other in such ingenious ways that experience is absolutely necessary if one wants to do the job expeditiously.

Tracing a Knock.

My labours were brought about by the desire to trace the cause of a slight tapping—it could hardly be called a knock—which made itself audible when the engine was not being asked to do any hard pulling. On taking the machine to pieces the two inside flywheels proved all correct, so I examined the front end of the crank shaft. The two-to-one pinion was lightly keyed to this, and it took me over an hour before I could drive it off. The last step of all was to knock out the bush of the main front bearing. When this had been done, and the bush had been slipped on to the shaft, I came to the explanation of the whole trouble. The bush was slightly worn, and needed renewing. It was the very last thing of all to reach and, of course, it was there that the damage lay. I can only say that the experience and confidence gained by taking to pieces every scrap of the engine has quite made up for the hard work gone through. There is no doubt that if everyone made a point of taking his engine down inside the first six months, he would have a good chance of learning exactly how the machine should be adjusted and treated, and he would probably have very little trouble, in consequence, for many months afterwards.

Ignorance is Not Bliss.

Speaking generally, ignorance of any part of the car's anatomy is not bliss, by any means. If you don't know just how a certain unit is made, you cannot be quite certain that you are treating it fairly, and you don't realise the precise meaning of little sounds, which may, if not attended to, denote big trouble in the near future. On the other hand, if your car's mechanism is an open book to you, it will be possible for you to check incipient ailments in their early stages, and you will be in a position to lay your finger on the afflicted spot without waste of time. My advice, therefore, to anyone with a spark of mechanical ability is not to hesitate a moment but to plunge headlong into the "innards" at the first reasonable excuse. Never tinker unnecessarily, but never risk trouble by not tinkering enough.

H. C. L.

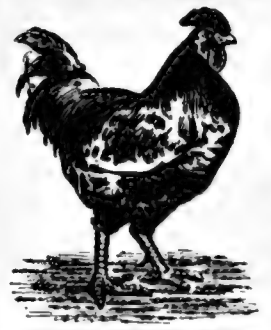
RATEABLE VALUE IN LONDON.

The valuation lists of the administrative county of London, which come into force next year, show that parishes in the metropolitan boroughs have a gross value of £47,707,974, and a rateable value of £39,170,591, while the gross value of the City of London is £5,655,067, and the rateable value is £5,503,754.

THE POULTRY RUN.

The Spangled Orpington.

This is one of the latest varieties of the well known Orpington breed, and many breeders are taking it up. According to Mr. F. A. Cook, son of the originator, the Spangled Orpington was made as follows: Dark Dorking cocks were mated to barred Plymouth Rock hens. This cross gave pullets of great size, but almost black, with very little white in them and just a little brown on the breast. These



SPANGLED ORPINGTON COCK.

pullets were mated to silver-spangled Hamburg cocks for shape and laying qualities. For some time the cockerels came with a cross of straw colour, but eventually this was overcome, and now they breed very true. Some critics maintain that the Spangled Orpington, as it at present exists, is too small, and lacks type, and it is contended that in the Orpington size and type should go together. Possibly, with cultivation, however, these defects will be remedied, and Spangled will rank with the Buffs and other popular varieties of Orpington, although it will certainly have its work cut out to eclipse them.

Leg Weakness.

Very often trying to push cockerels and pullets for growth by feeding on too fattening food will result in what is called leg weakness. The weight of the body becomes too great for the legs to support, and the latter give way under the strain. In other respects a bird may seem quite healthy, but when it is observed squatting down constantly it should be at once attended to. One tablet of grain or quinine given to each sufferer will help to mend matters. Leg weakness is sometimes confused with rheumatism, but the latter is usually accompanied by swollen joints. Birds affected with leg weakness should have plenty of crushed bone and chopped bran mash, the object being to provide the constituents necessary to build up frame and sinew.

A Reader's Record.

As the year is fast drawing to a close I am looking forward to the usual batch of experiences from my readers. One has already reached me from Frome, Somerset, and it is certainly a gratifying start. The writer says:—"I should like to give you the result of four hens laying for one year. The hens are a cross from a Minorca cockerel and a nearly pure-bred Partridge Wyandotte hen. Hatched in May, 1907, one commenced to lay on Nov. 15, 1907; another a few days later, and the other two in about another week. All four continued laying the whole winter and summer; neither ever got broody or had to be cooped. I kept a correct record, day by day, of their laying, and added up at the end of one year (Nov. 12, 1908), the eggs numbering 883. This can be corroborated by my neighbours, or, if necessary, I could produce the book containing the entries." I imagine there are many others who can give good results, and if they will make their communications as concise as possible I shall be pleased to chronicle their successes in this column.

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YESTERDAY'S SPORTS.

GUNNERS' GLORIOUS GRUELLING.

ROVERS ROUTED.

FOOTBALL.

THE LEAGUE—DIV. I.

(Special to "The People.")

Newcastle United 2, Chelsea 1.

The crushing reverse sustained by Newcastle United at home against Sunderland a week ago took away a good deal of public interest in the visit of the Novocastrians to Stamford Bridge yesterday, and a crowd of 30,000 people must be considered satisfactory in the circumstances. Chelsea played Cartwright and Humphreys for Miller and Rouse, and Newcastle had a much-changed side, McCracken, Carr, Jobie, Allen and Stewart playing for Whitson, Fudan, Liddell, Shepherd and Wilson. Chelsea played with a fair breeze in their favour in the first half. When the game started Newcastle ran the ball down in the first minute, but the forwards got in a tangle, and the Chelsea defence, similarly situated, had an anxious time until Cartwright cleared. The play was fast and clever, and once Kennedy checked Duncan cleverly. Gosnell, after beating Cameron, shot weakly past, and from a long forward punt by McCracken Allen shot wide. Clever passing by the Chelsea right-wing threatened the Newcastle goal, and Veitch gave a corner as Windridge was going through. The kick was badly placed, and, following the goal kick, the Chelsea forwards were so persistent in their attacks that the Newcastle defence had a hard moment. The backs and halves, however, were wonderfully smart in their footwork. Carr failed to check Braun, and from his centre Windridge threw himself at the ball in the jaws of the goal, but failed to reach it, except to turn it behind. Warren worked hard and cleverly, but Brawn did not make much use of a pass which the ex-Derby man once gave him. There was plenty of life in the play, and the ball was kept moving at a rapid rate. Gosnell cleverly deceived Warren and centred, but Duncan put the ball behind. A corner to Chelsea was of no avail, and, following this, Newcastle made a brief but unsuccessful raid on the Chelsea goal. Returning to the other end, Humphreys drove in a hard ball, and Lawrence made a glorious save by flinging himself full length at the ball. It was a splendid effort by the Newcastle custodian. Clever work by Gosnell carried operations into the Chelsea quarters. The attack was successfully repulsed, but Newcastle came again, and Duncan, cleverly beating Cartwright, centred and gave Stewart a golden chance. He clean missed the ball, and when it came to Gosnell, who was equally well placed, he shot over the bar. A minute or two later came a goal to Chelsea, but Newcastle were terribly unlucky, inasmuch as Bridgman was clearly offside when he took up a pass from Hilsdon. He centred, and Humphreys put the ball into the net with a hard drive. Newcastle played hard to bring about an equaliser, and McRoberts came under the ban of the referee for a bad foul on Higgins. From a centre by Higgins, the ball came to Whitley, who fisted out, and then Veitch shot hard, the custodian clearing. Whitley gave a corner in clearing from Higgins, and Hilsdon shot wide after a most exciting time in the Newcastle goal. Half-time: Chelsea, 1; Newcastle United, 0.

The second half was characterised by that dash and verve which had marked the first half. Newcastle were a team of hard grafters, and in eight minutes the equalising goal was scored. A centre from the right wing, low and hard, came to Allen, who banged the ball into the net as he and Cartwright and Whitley fell in a heap. With the teams again on an equality, the play continued hard and vigorous, with Newcastle attacking. A grand shot by Duncan was saved by Whitley, and then Gosnell and Higgins had shots charged down, Veitch ending the onslaught with a great shot, which Whitley saved. Straightaway Chelsea rushed to the other end, and following a run and centre by Brawn, Veitch gave a corner when the situation was pregnant with danger. Brawn dropped the ball finely into goal, and Lawrence was glad to fist away. Chelsea returned to the attack, and McCracken cleared, as he did later, when Warren centred, and Hilsdon was rushing goalwards. Cameron was conspicuous for some fine defence work, and with five minutes to go Warren fouled Gosnell in the penalty area by pushing him. A penalty was awarded, and Veitch, who took the kick, shot the ball straight at Whitley. The ball fell to Veitch's feet again, and he drove it into the net, giving Newcastle the victory. Result: Newcastle United, 2; Chelsea, 1.

Special Comments.

Chelsea were an unlucky side to lose, for a draw would better have represented the play, even granting that Bridgman was off-side when he centred for the Chelsea's goal to be scored. It was a hard game, fluctuating between poorness and brilliance, but, in spite of frequent lapses, it was always an interesting match. Cameron played finely for Chelsea, as did Brawn, Kennedy, and Warren, while Newcastle were best represented by Lawrence, McCracken, Veitch, Duncan, and Higgins.

Bradford City 4, Woolwich 1.

Beautiful weather favoured this match at Valley Parade. Bradford only made one change from the side which did so well the previous week at Leicester, Grimes, an outside right secured from Glossop during the week, taking the place of Bartlett. Woolwich made several changes, McKinnon taking the place of the injured McEachrane at left half and Curtis and Neave coming into the forwards, the former taking the centre-forward position and Raybould moving to inside right. The game opened in sensational fashion, the home team taking the lead a minute from the start by means of a brilliant movement started by Robinson, who set Grimes going, and the latter racing away, beating McKinnon and Gray, and crossing to O'Rourke, who gave McDonald, the visitors' goalkeeper, no chance with a fast rising ball. This initial success was quickly followed by another goal. The home forwards, ably assisted by Lintott and Hanger, got going away, and from a pass by the left half Smith was enabled to work his way down and force a corner. Gould placed the ball splendidly and Robinson was enabled to head into the net, McDonald never having a chance. The Woolwich men played well despite these reverses; and, had it not been for the magnificent defence of Torrance and Farren, always supplemented by the brilliant play of Lintott, the Gunners must have scored on more than one occasion. Lintott was simply magnificent, and to him more than anyone else did the City owe their lead. After a hard onslaught by Curle and Raybould the latter just missed goaling by inches. The City worked their way down to the Gunners' goal, and up to the interval they had all the best of the game, leading, when half-time was called, by 2 goals to 0.

Straight from the re-start Bradford City increased their le.. the forwards coming down in a line, and from Grimes's centre O'Rourke beat Macdonald. The home team's football was really brilliant, and their shooting was deadly. When the Arsenal forwards did get going they were met by grand defensive play, Torrance and Farren both showing high-class back play. Fitchie was the best man in the visiting forwards, his footwork being smart and his passing pretty; while, on one occasion he had hard lines, a shot from him striking the upright. However, he made amends for this later, taking a pass from the right wing and easily beating Spendiff. Bradford City further increased their lead by the aid of Grimes, who received the ball from Whittaker and drove in a cross shot which beat Macdonald all the way. The defeat of Woolwich was complete and entirely satisfactory to the home crowd. Result:—Bradford City, 4 goals, Woolwich Arsenal, 1.

Notts Co. 2, Blackburn R. O.

Drawn together last Monday in the first round of the Association Cup competition, the League match between these teams at Blackburn aroused national interest, and a crowd of 20,000 people assembled. The teams turned out at full strength, and play was fast and even. For half an hour there was nothing to choose between the sides, the forwards on each side being checked by a capable defence. Ashcroft once had extreme difficulty in saving, and then Notts were very hard pressed. Up to half-time all efforts in attack proved abortive, and ends were changed with nothing scored.

The second half opened in somewhat sensational fashion. In a tussle with an opponent Dodd lost the ball, and Ashcroft rushed out. Crompton raced across between them, but they missed the ball, which rolled slowly into the net. A little later Walker got through, and Blackburn Rovers being unable to respond, Notts County won by 2 goals to 0.

Notts Forest 1, Preston N.E. 1.

These teams met at Nottingham in bright weather, before 7,000 spectators. Maltby returned to his place in the home eleven, which was otherwise identical with that at Bristol last week, while Preston played McCall in place of Chadwick. The visitors, who had the wind in their favour in the first half, were the first to score, Dawson getting through after 22 minutes' play. Directly afterwards the North End were penalised owing to Rodway handling, and Green, taking the kick, equalised for the Forest. At half-time the score was one goal each.

The fine work of the Preston forwards in the first half had been met with resolute defence by the Forest backs, and some fine goalkeeping by Linacre. After the change of ends, the home forwards were more aggressive, Morris and Hooper being prominent. Both goals had some narrow escapes, but nothing more was done, the result being a draw of 1 goal each.

Manchester U. 4, Leicester, 2.

The match at Clayton with Leicester Fosse had been set aside for the benefit of the Manchester United goalkeeper, Moger. Unfortunately for the deserving player the game did not prove a great attraction, only about 10,000 people being present when the play began. The ground was very greasy. Manchester City were unable to put their full strength into the field through various accidents, but they held their own. After 15 minutes the United gained a very lucky goal, Bailey, the visiting goalkeeper kicking the ball against the shins of Wall, from whom it rebounded into the net. A fine centre by Durrant led to an equalising goal by Hubbard, but before the interval Wall put the United ahead again with a penalty-kick. Half-time: United, 2; Fosse, 1.

Manchester United easily maintained their advantage in the second half, although for the greater part of the time they were without Hardman, who was injured. Picken scored the third goal after the defence had been beaten easily, and Wall the fourth from a penalty-kick. Towards the close Donelly scored for the Fosse, who had shown remarkably poor shooting throughout the game, and Manchester were left with a victory by 4 goals to 2.

Everton 1, Sheffield Wed., 0.

The visit of Sheffield Wednesday attracted 20,000 spectators to Goodison Park. White and Clifford played for the home side instead of Coleman and Taylor, the late Woolwich man being injured, and Taylor taking a rest. The Wednesday were at full strength. Everton showed up well at the outset, but Lyall had little to do in goal. Young got through from an offside position, and later White shot over the bar when well placed. The Wednesday had a full share of the play, but shot badly. At the interval there was no score.

Everton began the second half in splendid style. Their forwards went down the field with fine dash, and just at the right time Young passed to Freeman, who ran through, and beat Lyall at the second attempt. Following that, the game was contested at a rare pace, but many mistakes were made on both sides. On the whole Everton had the best of matters, and, holding their lead to the end, they won by 1 goal to 0.

Bristol City 2, Sunderland 0.

Played at Bristol. Bristol's fine victory was a triumph for superb defence and accurate goal shooting if one excepts the City's superior defence. In that sentence one has the main difference in the teams. But again Sunderland had not nearly the same amount of defence work to do. The Wearsiders' shooting might have been improved, but they were up against a stone wall in Clay, Annam and Cottle.

Bury 2, Liverpool 1.

Nine thousand people saw Bury beat Liverpool, at Bury, after a capital game.

Sheffield U. 4, Manchester C. 0

The Sheffield forwards were in fine form for this match and quite overran the City, winning by 4 goals to 0.

Middlesbrough 3, Aston Villa 0

Cold weather prevailed at Birmingham, and the crowd did not exceed 15,000. In the Villa eleven Eyre, formerly of the Birmingham club, was given a place. The game opened rather quietly, and little of note happened until Hall got a goal for the visitors. Responding with some brisk attacks, the Villa finished weakly, and the game again went favourably for Middlesbrough, who on the whole showed good all-round form. Just before the interval a scrimmage took place in the Villa goal, and S. Aitken put through. Middlesbrough crossing over 2 goals to the good.

Middlesbrough continued to show the better form after change of ends, but Bache made some good efforts for the Villa. In a rush by the visitors Lyons tried to head the ball away, but Bloomer secured possession and scored a third goal for Middlesbrough. From a penalty given against Watson Hampton failed to score, Williamson saving well. Codling left the field injured. Middlesbrough won by 3 goals to 0.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals for	Goals ag.	Pts
Everton	17	12	3	3	46	22	27
Newcastle Utd.	17	10	4	3	37	23	23
Manchester Utd.	17	9	4	4	38	22	22
Sheffield Utd.	16	7	4	5	26	21	19
Aston Ville	15	6	4	5	23	20	18
Blackburn R.	15	6	4	5	23	21	18
Sunderland	17	7	8	6	18	24	18
Bristol City	17	6	5	6	21	24	18
Liverpool	18	8	9	1	32	30	17
Notts County	17	7	8	2	21	27	16
Sheffield Utd.	17	6	7	4	24	27	16
Manchester City	16	6	7	3	17	31	15
Woolwich A.	17	6	8	3	22	25	15
Notts Forest	17	6	8	3	21	27	14
Chelsea	18	5	9	4	24	35	14
Middlesbrough	16	4	7	5	23	27	13
Preston N. End	17	6	9	2	30	32	13
Bury	17	5	9	3	31	41	13
Leicester Fosse	16	3	7	6	17	25	12
Bradford City	16	3	8	5	15	23	11

THE LEAGUE—DIV. II.

Tottenham 4, Burnley, 2.

At Tottenham, in fine weather, before 18,000 spectators. The match had been set apart for the benefit of Walton, and a larger attendance was expected, but, as he had been guaranteed £250 by the club he is sure of a satisfactory sum for his six years' service. Tottenham had the same side that beat Fulham last week and Burnley were also at full strength. Walton came in for a big cheer when he appeared, the old Preston lad having made himself very popular with all classes since he joined the club. The Hotspurs kicked off from the Park-lane end, and at once attacked. Dawson saved from a header by Steel in the first minute. For a couple of minutes Burnley pressed, and Smith sent just wide of the post, with a good shot. After this Tottenham attacked hotly, and after some close passing Woodward scored an easy goal for them. Bell should have equalised after nice work by Leake, who sent out to Morley, the Burnley right wing placing the ball at Bell's toes right in front of the Hotspur goal. A couple of corners fell to the home team, but came to nothing, and a fast high shot by Smith, the Burnley centre, was well saved by Hewitson. Then, in the space of three minutes three more goals were scored. A clever pass by Woodward to Steel enabled that player to score a second for Tottenham. Minter shot a third goal a minute later from a pass by Morris, and from the centre kick Burnley got going, and Moffatt, the left half-back, beat Hewitson with a brilliant long shot. After this the play deteriorated. Trying to give Walton a chance of getting a goal, the Tottenham team assiduously plied him with passes, and at one period for 20 minutes Middlemiss, on the left wing, did not touch the ball at all. Walton got in a good many shots, but either just missed or had his shot stopped. Barron twice kicked away from shots by Woodward while Dawson was out of the Burnley goal, and at the interval the Hotspurs led by 3 goals to 1.

Play did not improve in the second half, Walton still being fed with innumerable passes. Once Dawson saved from him when he ran right through the defence. Every now and then the Burnley forwards broke away in dangerous style. Woodward hooked the ball just over the Burnley bar, and Dawson saved a good shot from Middlemiss. Dawson also made a great save from Minter at the expense of a corner. Then Burnley for some time had the best of matters, and after Burton had just managed to stop Valentine, Smith scored for the Lancashire side. Following a scramble in front of the Burnley goal Woodward scored a fourth goal for Tottenham and made the issue safe. They pressed up to the end, and Walton hit the cross-bar, but there was no further scoring, and Tottenham won a poor, scrambling game by 4 goals to 2.

West Bromwich 3, Glossop 1.

The visit of the Throstles to Glossop was a big attraction, and they won a well-deserved victory by 3 goals to 1.

Clapton O. 2, Oldham Ath. O.

Clapton Orient won their match against Oldham at Homerton not so much by reason of their own superiority as the utter ineptitude of the visiting forwards. Never throughout the whole 90 minutes did they shoot like scoring, the few shots they sent in lacking either precision or power behind them. Clapton took the field without their famous centre-half, Mark Bell, and in his place played Scott, who, although naturally less capable than Bell, gave a good display in defensive tactics. His forward feeding, however, left something to be desired, his attempts in this direction being seldom successful.

There were about 7,000 spectators when play started on a somewhat slippery surface. The Orient won the toss, and took advantage of a stiffish breeze. They got into their stride immediately, and set up a strong attack, with the result that within five minutes they had scored their first goal. This point should have been registered even earlier, Shaw having a practically open goal when Parker dropped the ball at his feet, but he tamely scooped the ball in, and Matthew had no difficulty in clearing. Immediately afterwards, however, the home centre made amends, as from a corner kick, nicely pitched, he headed into the net, after Cook had almost given the point away by putting through his own goal. Clapton continued to dominate the situation, and time and again came within scoring distance, only to be pulled by the Oldham backs. Ward and Gates initiated many fine movements, and Shaw, at centre, gave a better display than he has occasionally done. The visitors broke away once or twice, but their finishing work was poor, and it was left to Walders, at centre-half, to send in the best shot. This Whittaker saved by falling full length and turning it round the post. The resultant corner was followed by another, both being fruitless. Hind sent in a hot one which Matthews saved cleverly, and Gates tried a header which hit the cross-bar. Five minutes from the interval Parker broke away on the right and centred to Shaw, who shot. Matthews got his hands to the ball, but did not stop it, and it fell, apparently, over the line. To make doubly sure Gates dashed up and banged it further into the net, but it was Shaw's goal. Clapton thus led at half-time by two clear goals, and they fully deserved them on the play.

The second half was more evenly contested. There was a great deal of excitement and much feeling prevailed, the referee having to exercise great firmness to keep the players in hand. There were many fouls, and a remarkable feature of this portion of the game was the disputes as to whose ball it was when in touch. One of the linesmen was very vacillating, and the spectators gave oral evidence of their displeasure. For a time it looked as though Oldham would score, with the aid of the wind, and Newton and Shelbot both tried back as a fourth half, and the attacks of the visitors were easily repelled. One pretty movement by the whole Oldham front rank took the ball well down, but Reeson relieved the pressure and Clapton again assumed the aggressive. Neither team were able to penetrate the opposing defence again and the whistle blew with Clapton Orient winners by 2 goals to 0.

Hull City 2, Fulham 0.

Fulham played their latest recruit, Wyllie, of St. Mirren, at centre, Harrison displacing Brown at inside left. About 10,000 spectators were present. In the opening minute a long drive from McQuillan caused Skene to leave his charge to clear. Hull had all the best of the initial exchanges, their right wing being particularly dangerous, but Fulham escaped, thanks to the burly tactics of Lindsay and saving qualities of Skene. Rarely were the Londoners seen over the dividing line, and matters were left in Hull's hands entirely. Gordon Wright now began to show up, and from a wonderful centre by Jim Skene looked beaten, but Gilberthorpe shot high over the bar, an example followed immediately afterwards by Gordon and Smith. Fulham now became dangerous for the first time, and Carter executed a brilliant run down the touch line, but when he was in a fine position his progress was arrested owing to an injury to Dalrymple. The Cottagers had been off colour to this stage, and Wyllie had done nothing out of the ordinary, but a combined effort between Lipsham and Harrison spelt danger. McQuillan saved for Hull at the last minute. An individual run by Carter followed, and he sent in a capital shot from an awkward position, the ball just going over the bar. Hull assumed the upper hand again, and for a period Skene was subjected to a terrific bombardment, but he well stood the test. Once, however, he was extremely lucky, for Stanley Smith had centred splendidly, and Skene came out. Shaw, who was waiting for the ball, was left with an open front, but the leather cannoned off his foot on the wrong side of the post. Just before the interval Fulham exercised severe pressure, but thanks to the packing of their goal Hull escaped. Half-time: Hull City, 0; Fulham, 0.

On resuming, Hull ought to have been one up in the first minute, for Shaw placed to Gilberthorpe right in front of the sticks, but the old Chesterfield player weakly put wide. At the other end Gordon almost let Harrison through, and for a brief space Fulham were masters. Harrison had another attempt, but Parmenter finally wound up the attack by styling the ball well over the goal. Hull roused up, and from a well-placed corner by Wright Temple headed a goal. Fulham were lucky in only retaining one goal in arrear, for just afterwards both A. Browell and Temple missed further points by inches only, whilst a couple of corners were only cleared with the utmost difficulty. Nearing the finish Fulham struggled desperately for an equaliser, but met with defence more than equal to all the demands. Hull scored again through Temple, who took the ball off Charlton's foot. Result:—Hull City, 2; Fulham, 0.

Derby Co. 2, Grimsby Town 1.

Beautifully fine weather favoured the meeting of these sides at Derby, and about 5,000 people witnessed the match. The ground was in splendid order. Grimsby, whose forward line underwent three changes, made one or two dangerous attacks, but Derby County had much the best of the play in the first half. Grimsby, however, set up a stout defence, and at the interval nothing had been scored. Afterwards Bradley, from a penalty, got through for Grimsby, but a little later Bentley equalised. In the last minute Bentley scored again, and Derby County thus won by 2 goals to 1.

Leeds C. 5, Wolverhampton 2.

Playing on their own ground Leeds City gained a decisive victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers by 5 goals to 2. Leeds City were without Cubberley and Rodger, Macdonald and Guy taking their places. In the first half Leeds had all the best of the play, and obtained three goals, Gemmell putting on two, and McLeod the other. On resuming Hedley scored for the Wanderers, but then Gemmell sent in again, and Guy added a fifth goal for the City. Nearing the end Blunt put on a second goal for the Wanderers. Fine weather prevailed, and about 14,000 people watched the game.

Barnsley 3, Bradford 1.

For this match, at Barnsley, the Bradford club made six changes from the side beaten a week before by Croydon Common in the Association Cup. Each side scored once in the first half, Forshaw getting through within a minute of each other. Crossing over, Lillycrop scored twice, but play at no time was brilliant, and much erratic kicking was done. In the end Barnsley won by 3 goals to 1.

Chesterfield 4, Birmingham 2.

The visit of the Birmingham team to Chesterfield attracted about 5,000 people. Birmingham were expected to win, but the Chesterfield men played surprisingly well, and gained a great victory by 4 goals to two. In the first half, Chesterfield did most of the attacking, and after Sunday had opened the scoring with a fine shot from 30 yards range, Fitzpatrick and Bovill added further points. Before half-time Smith scored for Birmingham. After ends had been changed Anderson got through for Birmingham, but Hall kicked another goal for Chesterfield, who won comfortably.

Stockport Co. 1, Bolton W. 0.

In the presence of 9,000 people, at Stockport, the Stockport County team gained a brilliant victory over Bolton Wanderers by 1 goal to 0. Both clubs were strongly represented, and the play all through was very keen. Soon after the start, Stockport County were given a free kick, and from it Porter scored a goal. Bolton then pressed hard, but they could not get past the stubborn defence of their opponents. After crossing over both sides played up very hard indeed, but nothing further was scored, and so Stockport County were left with a victory.

Blackpool 3, Gainsborough 0.

These teams met at Blackpool in the presence of 4,000 people. Owing to Crewdson being injured, Gladwin, a young full back from Worksop, was included in the side. For the most part the game was tame and uninteresting, but Blackpool always showed the better form and gained a thoroughly well deserved victory. Only one goal was scored in the first half, Grundy getting through for Blackpool. Afterwards Grundy added another point and Whittingham scored as well. The Gainsborough men shot badly, and did not score, Blackpool therefore winning by 3 goals to 0.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals for	Goals ag.	Pts
W. Brom. Alb.	17	10	2	5	26	12	25
Tottenham H.	16	9	3	4	30	12	22
Stockport C.	16	10	6	0	21	22	20
Birmingham	17	9	5	3	27	24	21
Bolton W.	18	9	6	3	32	13	21
Leeds City	16	8	4	4	24	16	20
Hull City	17	8	5	4	25	15	20
Fulham	17	7	4	6	20	21	19
Derby County	17	6	4	7	23	17	19
Glossop	16	7	6	3	23	17	17
Barnsley	16	6	6	4	18	24	16
Blackpool	16	4	6	6	18	24	14
Wolverhamptn. W.	17	4	8	5	26	28	13
Oldham Ath.	14	4	7	1	12	17	13
Clapton Orient	16	4	7	1	14	20	13
Burnley	17	6	10	1	26	35	13
Grimsby Town	17	4	9	4	16	26	12
Barnsley	17	3	10	4	18	27	10
Gainsboro' T.	15	4	8	3	15	33	9
Bradford	15	3	10	2	12	24	8

CLUB MATCHES.

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St. Leonards Amateurs, 4; All Saints, 0.
Rye St. Mary's, 2; Lydd, 2.
Sidley Utd., 2; Hastings Res., 4; Battle, 1.
Charlwood, 2; Gatwick Rovers, 1.
Warner Ath., 3; Christ Church, 0.
Claremont, 4; Hackney Park Res., 1.
Dorking, 4; Upton Park, 2.
Minerva (2nd), 4; Rotherhithe, 0.
Holy Trinity, 6; Grammar School, 1.
Old Tollingtonians, 2; Fosse, 1.
Reigate Priory, 4; Richmond Iddlers, 3.
Wooden Argyle, 3; Ondor (3rd), 3.
Highgate, 2; Old Saxonians, 2.
Keeley, 5; Old Chelmsfordians, 2.
Beckenham, 3; Guy's Hospital, 0.
Heron Res., 3; Connaught, 0.
Anerley (3rd), 10; Heron (3rd), 1.
Chesham, 6; Old Haberdashers, 2.
Chesham Res., 3; Hornsey Assc., 1.
City Westminster Res., 2; St. James-the-Less Old Boys, 1.
Waltham Glendale, 6; Wood Green Town, 1.
Watford Amateurs, 1; Old Westminsters (A), 0.
Weybridge, 4; Old Wilsonians, 2.
Hayfield Utd., 3; Clapham Wanderers, 0.
Old Albanians, 3; Harpenden Wanderers, 1.
Anglo-Egyptian Bank, 5; South American Bank, 2.
1st Queen's Cadets, 10; Nunrot Polish Ath., 6
Croydon, 1; Norwood Association, 1.
Fulham Amateurs, 6; Shepherd's Bush Res., 1
Fulham Res., 4; Bishop Sumner's (Bermondsey), 0
Barnet Ash, 3; 3rd Essex Artillery Vols., 0.
Leytonstone Res., 5; Ilford Res., 3.
Latimer Upper School, 2; Cullen Court Res., 0
Wembley, 4; Croydon Park, 3.
Hexham Park Swifts, 2; City Wanderers, 0.
Claremont Res., 4; Higham Park Swifts (A), 1.
Old Foresters, 5; Addiscombe Park, 0.
Brockley Park, 4; Honor Oak, 1.
Norlands School, 7; Old Forestans, 7.
West Norwood, 4; Dept'd'd Tarents, 1.
Woolwich Arsenal Works, 5; Orford I.I., 1.
Chertsey, 4; Old Wilsonians, 2.
Egham Hythe, 5; Chertsey, 2.

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Old Westminsters, 2; Old Citizens, 1.
Weymouth, 3; Carshalton, 1.
Wolverhampton Wanderers, 0; Brighton, 0.
A.F.A. JUNIOR CUP.—Fourth Round.
Old Steinerthians, 5; Aquarium Res., 1.
ASCOT LEAGUE.
Camberley, 2; Windlesham, 0.
Camberley St. George's, 2; Crowthorne, 0.
AMATEUR PRIVATE CLUBS CUP.
SECOND ROUND.
Minerva, 3; Aldybield, 0.
APSLEY SENIOR CHARITY CUP.
FIRST ROUND.
Leaweden, 2; Hemel Hempstead, 0.
BRIGHTON AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.
London Ath., 2; Brighton Stanford, 1.
Newhaven, 3; Royal Garrison Artillery, 1.
St. Mary's, 4; All Souls, 1.
Hove Cassals, 0; Brighton Grammar School, 0.
St. Peter's, 0; St Saviour's, 0.
Belmont Ath., 2; St. Matthew's, 0.
Bristol Ath., 7; Preston, 1.
Crawley, 5; Ifield Hall, 0.
Ringmer, 5; Ripe, 0.
St. Margaret's, 4; Montefiore, 2
BRIGHTON WENTWORTH CUP.
THIRD ROUND.
Queen's Park, 8; Lewes Inst., 1.
Portland Rovers, 5; Hove Ath., 1.
Patcham, 4; Hove Belmont, 1.
Vernon Ath., 2; Aldrington, 2.
BRIGHTON AND HOVE LEAGUE.
Wright's Farm, 2; London Ath., 2.
Argyle, 8; Sheffield Rovers, 1.
Eastern Ath., 5; Regency, 4.
BRIGHTON AND HOVE SCHOOLS LEAGUE.
Connaught, 5; Portland, 0.
St. John's, 1; Connaught, 1.
Finsbury, 2; Pelham, 1.
St. Luke's, 1; Dutchling, 1.
Stanford, 5; Preston, 1.
Central, 4; Middle Street, 0.
BERKS AND BUCKS JUNIOR CUP.
Old Windsor, 2; Burnham, 2.
Bisgrove Res., 3; Bracknell, 0.
Maidenhead Norfolkians Res., 4; Eton, 0.
Marlow Res., 2; Stokenchurch, 1.
BECKENHAM HOSPITAL CUP.
Beckenham Rangers, 1; West Beckenham, 0.
BLACKHEATH LEAGUE.
Deptford Invicta, 1; Rotherhithe Town, 1
BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE.
Birmingham Res., 3; Worcester, 0
Burton, 1; Walsall, 0.
Halesowen, 4; Wellington, 1
Kidderminster, 5; Kidderminster, 1.
Stafford Rangers, 1; Stoke, 1.
Crewe, 5; Stourbridge, 1
CITY CHAMPIONSHIP.
Lydford (2nd), 4; Crewker (2nd), 0.
Lydford, 1; Condor, 0.
CHELMSFORD CHARITY CUP.
Heybridge, 2; Hoffman's Ath., 1.
CENTRAL WILTS LEAGUE.
Chippenham Town, 1; Chippenham Utd, 0.
CHICHESTER AND BOGNOR LEAGUE.
Selsey, 3; Bognor St. John's, 1.
Bosham, 3; Hunston, 2.
CAMBS SENIOR LEAGUE.
Crown Rags, 3; Granchester, 1.
DULWICH LEAGUE.
Park Hill, 5; Alford House, 0.
EAST ANGLIAN LEAGUE.
Colchester Crown, 4; Kings Lynn, 0.
ESSEX JUNIOR CUP.
St Andrew's, 5; Brentwood Res., 1.
EAST SUSSEX LEAGUE.
Newhaven, 5; Seahill, 0.
Rotherfield, 2; Seaford, 1.
ENGLISH SCHOOLS' SHIELD.
South London, 1; Willesden, 0
Woolwich, 2; Nottingham, 2.
GUILDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.
Pyrford, 4; Dennis Ath Res., 0.
Jacobs Res., 1; Cranes, 0
Godalming (2nd), 5; Woking Utd, 1.
Guildford Star, 2; Witley, 0.
Chase Brewery, 1; Albury, 1.
GREAT WESTERN SUBURBAN LEAGUE
Wycombe Wanderers, 4; Slough, 1.
Windsor and Eton, 2; Uxbridge, 1
HOVE AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.
St. Lawrence, 1; Melrose, 0.
HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE CHALLENGE CUP.
1st Grenadier Guards, 3; Irish Guards, 1.
HASTINGS SCHOOLS LEAGUE.
Hastings, 5; Eastbourne, 2.
HERTS COUNTY LEAGUE.
Apsley, 0; Redbourn, 1.
HERTS JUNIOR CUP.
THIRD ROUND.
Bushmead, 6; Apsley Res., 2.
Kent's Ltd., 3; Pring Town, 0.
ISLE OF WIGHT LEAGUE.
Cowes Res., 3; 2nd Suffolk Regt., 1.
Cowes Red Star, 2; St Mary's Guild, 0.
Ventnor, 3; Freshwater Artillery, 1.
St. Helens, 4; Nine Mile, 5; Cowes Wesley Guild, 0
Cowes St. Mary's Guild Res., 4; Newport R. S. Hospital, 4; Binstead, 3.
Newport, 6; Freshwater, 2.
East Cowes Vics., 4; Ryde Res., 1.
ISLAND LEAGUE
Cowes Res., 3; 2nd Suffolk Regt., 1.
Cowes Red Star, 2; St Mary's Guild, 0
Ventnor, 3; Freshwater Artillery, 1.
Cowes St. Mary's Guild Res., 4; Newport R. S. Hospital, 4; Binstead, 3.
St. Helens, 4; Nine Mile, 5; Cowes Wesley Guild, 0
JUNIOR SHIELD.
Swifts, 5; Comberton Utd., 0.
Histon, 3; Ramsden Rd. School, 2.
Ely Utd., 2; Rawlins Utd., 1.
Chesterton Laurels, 2; Crowd, 1.
Neville Rovers, 7; New Cherrydintons, 0.
KENT SENIOR A.F.A. CUP.
Cray Wanderers, 5; Orpington, 2.
Dartford Northfleet, 1; Tunbridge Wells, 0.
Gravesend Utd., 2; Northumberland Oddfellows, 0.
Folkestone, 3; Herne Bay, 1.
LONDON LEAGUE.
Barnet Alston, 1; Clapton Orient Res., 1.
Brentford Res., 1; West Hampstead, 1.
Clapham Orient, 4; Tufnell Park Rovers, 3.
Clapham, 3; Eton Mission, 1.
LONDON SENIOR CUP.
FOURTH QUALIFYING ROUND.
East Ham, 4; Leytonstone, 1.
Kingston, 2; Barking, 0.
Newportonians, 3; Enfield, 1.
North Woolwich, 2; Tufnell Park, 1.
LONDON BANKS LEAGUE.
London and Joint Stock, 2; London and South Western, 2.
LEWES AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.
Seaford 6, Lewes St. Anne's, 1.
Seaford Star, 2, East Side Rovers, 1.
MID-SUSSEX CHARITY CUP.
Lindfield, 2; Queen's Park, 1.
MID-SUSSEX LEAGUE.
Three Bridges, 2; Brighton Amateurs, 1.
Lewes, 2; Uckfield, 0
East Grinstead, 3; Burgess Hill, 2
Mayfield, 4; Wadhurst Rovers, 0.
McCLOSKIE SHIELD.
Chalvey National, 3; Slough National, 2.
MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP.
2nd Coldstream Guards, 2; Hounslow, 1.
2nd Grenadier Guards, 2; Towerby, 1.
Skinner, 4; Polytechnic, 1.
MIDDLESEX A.F.A. SENIOR CUP.
Civil Service, 0; Hampstead, 0.
MIDDLESEX A.F.A. JUNIOR CUP.
Hayes, 0; Springfield College Old Boys, 1.
Mill Hill, 3; Olympic, 1.
Ealing Swifts, 3; Old Stationers (A), 1.
MIDDLESEX AMATEUR LEAGUE.
Highgate Res., 2; Bowes Park Res., 2.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY LEAGUE.
Brentford, 6; Ealing, 1.
NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK LEAGUE.
Yarmouth Town, 6; Lowestoft Town, 0.
Gorleston, 3; C.E.Y.M.S., Norwich, 1.
Other matches postponed owing to inclement weather.
NORTH SURREY LEAGUE.
Lyndon Res., 2; Rosland, 1.

PADDINGTON CUP.
West Kensington, 3; Chiswick St. Mary's, 3
PORTSMOUTH CUP.
R.M.S. Brodbent, 3; Ryde, 2.
10th Co. R.G.A., 3; Cowes, 1.
St. Simon's, 3; Portsmouth, 0.
Bentnagh, 2; Vernon, 1.
REDHILL LEAGUE.
Dorking St. Paul's, 6; Redhill Albion, 0.
REDHILL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.
Gas Works, 5; Alderstead, 1.
Y.M.C.A., 0; Penn School Res., 0
Holmethorpe, 5; Kingswood, 0.
RICHMOND LEAGUE.
Barnes Church, 4; Putney St. Mary's, 4.
SUSSEX A.F.A. CUP.—FIRST ROUND.
Old Brightonians, 4; Eastbourne, 0.
SOUTHDOWN LEAGUE.
Silverdale, 1; Portslade Alliance, 0.
Tarring, 3; Shoreham Alexandra, 2.
Worthing Old Boys, 4; Broadwater, 1.
SUFFOLK JUNIOR CUP.
Woodbridge, 2; Royal Field Artillery, 0.
St. Clement's Utd., 3; Ipswich Town (A), 0.
SOUTH ESSEX

"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE

PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL PARTS.

In London 2,040 births and 1,383 deaths were registered last week.

In 76 great towns of England and Wales the deaths corresponded to an annual rate of 15.6 per thousand of their aggregate population.

The London deaths included 38 from measles, 14 from scarlet fever, 13 from diphtheria, 2 from whooping-cough, 5 from enteric fever, and 24 from diarrhœa. Different forms of violence caused 62 deaths.

In Greater London 3,151 births and 2,001 deaths were registered. Allowing for increase of population, these numbers are 594 and 225 below the respective averages in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

Mr. T. Williams, of St. Stephen's, Cornwall, who has claimed an old-age pension, is over 100.

On the ground that the building is too cold to practise in, the choir of a Berwick church went on strike.

The German Government are inviting tenders for 700,000 tons of Welsh steam coal to be delivered between April, 1909, and April, 1910.

A new church is to be built at Cowes. Princess Henry of Battenberg has consented to lay the foundation stone.

Addressing the plaintiff at Bristol County Court, Judge Austin said it was outrageous and wicked to ask him to send to a debtors' prison a man 78 years of age.

Although it was stated that a man had been a worthless parent, had turned his son out of his house, and had been ruined by riotous living, the Rowley (Staffordshire) magistrates ordered the son to pay 3s. weekly towards the cost of maintaining the man in the workhouse.

A CHURCH RECORD.

Members of the family of the Rev. Canon Wm. Riland-Bedford, who has just resigned the living of Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, have held the incumbency during the past 200 years.

MEMORIAL TO A NOVELIST.

A tablet of hammered copper has been placed in the West Bromwich "Carnegie" Library, to perpetuate the memory of the late David Christie Murray, the novelist and journalist, who was a native of the town.

FOWL STEALER'S POETRY.

After a robbery of fowls at a farm at Wangford, Suffolk, it was found the thief had written on the fowl-house door, with chalk: "You are rich and I am poor; when I've finished these I will come for some more."

Central London District school managers have decided that the Poor Law schools should be closed from Dec. 23 to Jan. 11.

The Nobel Prize for literature has been awarded to M. Rudolf Eucken, Professor of Philosophy at Jena, who has published many important philosophical works.

Before the end of this year 18 more public-houses will be closed in Birmingham under the Licensing Act. The amount of compensation to be paid is £24,441.

When told to take the Testament into his right hand prior to being sworn, a juror at a Bethnal Green inquest asked which was his right hand, and had to be shown.

In his farm buildings at Earlswood, Surrey, Mr. W. Brown, J.P., Mayor of Reigate in 1892 and 1893, and a member of the board of guardians, fell dead.

In memory of the poet Keats, who is said to have written "The Ode to the Nightingale" there, the L.C.C. propose to rename John-st., Hampstead, as Keats-grove.

"Must I let my husband in?" a woman asked Mr. Plowden at the N. London Police Court, adding, "He stays out late and neglects me." "Of course you are bound to let him in," Mr. Plowden replied, "and receive him with open arms, if you can."

HOW INFECTION IS SPREAD.

The wife of a labourer living at Swainsthorpe, Norfolk, was fined 5s. and costs for sending her child to school while it was suffering from scarlet fever. An outbreak, which necessitated the closing of the school, followed her action.

EASTERN COUNTIES' WORTHY.

The death is announced of Mr. Thos. Calthorpe Blofeld, at Hoveton St. John, at the age of 72, who for half a century had been a prominent figure in the public life of the Eastern Counties. For 36 years he was Recorder of Ipswich, and since 1881 had been Chancellor of the Diocese of Norwich, and he was made chairman of Norfolk Quarter Sessions.

BISHOP SELWYN CENTENARY.

Churchmen in the diocese of Lichfield are expected to co-operate heartily in the movement to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Geo. Augustus Selwyn, the first Bishop of New Zealand, the founder of the Melanesian Mission, and subsequently Bishop of Lichfield. The anniversary of the birth is in April next, and it is intended that the celebration should take place on or about St. George's Day.

A general arbitration treaty between Brazil and Argentina has been signed and exchanged.

Mr. Jas. T. Vair, editor of "The Hawick News," died from the effects of colliding with a heavy lorry when cycling. He was 62.

Mr. Geo. Meredith has sent a gift of books from his own bookshelves to the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney.

At the annual meeting of the Farmers' Club it was reported that for the first time in the history of the club the membership was more than 1,000.

Through a spark flying from the kitchen fire Gladys Baxter, the nine-months-old daughter of Wm. Baxter, of Standish, Wigan, received fatal burns.

"Pitt's House" and grounds, Hampstead Heath, so closely associated as a residence with Wm. Pitt have been purchased for £30,000 by a Roman Catholic religious order.

The British and German Governments have agreed to the appointment of a joint commission to delimit the boundaries between British and German New Guinea.

In the French Chamber of Deputies the proposal to substitute perpetual solitary confinement for the death penalty was defeated by 334 votes to 210.

Several hundred children in charge of the Hackney Guardians have been removed from Brentwood to new cottage homes at Ongar, where the old people will also live in future.

A tradesman at Augsberg, Bavaria, who placed posters of a startling blue colour outside his shop, has been fined 10s. and ordered to remove them. Witnesses affirmed that the posters made them shudder when they passed the shop.

The Premier stated in the House of Commons that the Government could not assume the duties of providing applicants with small holdings under the new Act after next Lady-day if the county councils had not taken action by then.

10s. FOR A KISS.

Two village lads of Twyford, who stopped the vicar's servant girl as she was returning from church and forcibly kissed her, were each fined 5s. and 5s. 9d. costs at Buckingham for the assault.

NOVEL PENSION POINT.

Spalding Old Age Pensions Committee have rejected an application on the ground that the applicant has resided in the Isle of Man, which was not regarded as a part of the British Isles. An appeal to the Local Government Board is to take place.

A PARADISE FOR LAWYERS.

After hearing three cases in succession from Letchworth at the Hitchin County Court, Judge Wheeler was informed that a fourth also came from the Garden City. The judge remarked: "Letchworth must be a paradise for lawyers."

Ten boxes of prize-winning apples at the exhibition at Portland, Oregon, U.S.A., are to be sent to King Edward and ten to the Kaiser.

"Happy the day when people could not be rung up on the telephone!" declared Judge Willis at Southwark County Court.

At Blackburn a farmer named Tomlinson recovered £9 10s. damages from the owner of a dog which worried his sheep.

The opening of the fête and charity bazaar in connection with the Franco-British Exhibition, has been postponed until a date early in the New Year.

With nearly 15,000 signatures, Willesden's petition to the Privy Council for a charter of incorporation has been closed. A counter-petition has also been largely signed.

Colchester Town Council has decided to carry out excavations for antiquities on the site of a proposed extension of the Royal Grammar School.

The United States geological survey has ascertained that the value of the mineral products of the nation in 1907 was £413,857,839, as compared with £380,801,407 in 1906.

The Education Committee of the L.C.C. have decided to recommend that Dr. J. E. Borland be appointed musical adviser and inspector in the education officer's department at a salary of £300 a year.

For injuries sustained through being knocked off a bicycle by an omnibus, a Putney errand-boy named Horatio Coffey obtained £100 damages against the London General Omnibus Co. at Shoreditch County Court.

TICHBORNE WITNESS'S DEATH.

By the death of Mr. S. Sheppard, of Newbury, for many years superintendent of police at Wincanton and Yeovil, another of the few remaining of those who were present at the famous Tichborne trial is removed. Mr. Sheppard was in the Carabineers Regt. with the real Sir Roger Tichborne, and was a valuable witness for the family

THE LARGEST CONSTITUENCY.

The new register for the Romford division will contain 55,704 persons, of whom 51,043 are parliamentary voters. This is an increase of 1,978 over that now in force. This is the largest single-member constituency in the kingdom. Walthamstow, the neighbouring constituency, has 39,612 persons entitled to vote for a member of Parliament.

MARVELLOUS ESCAPE.

Although a motor-car and a trap which came into violent collision at Chisledon, near Swindon, were wrecked almost beyond recognition, the occupants and the horse were uninjured. The chauffeur was thrown over a hedge, taking part of the steering gear with him; the cart had only one wheel left, and the body of the motor-car was torn off.

A white snipe with black eyes has been shot at Call, in Argyllshire.

Toward the preservation of the thirteenth century Smithfield gateway the Carpenter's Co. have voted 50gs.

Smoking concerts are to be held in various Essex towns in aid of the county cricket club.

Dr. W. E. Hoyle, the director of the Manchester Museum, has been appointed director of the National Museum of Wales.

The Lord President of the Council has appointed a Departmental Committee to consider the working of the Midwives Act.

Two women named King and Cox were each fined £1 at Dudley for jeering at a young woman when she was attending her sweetheart's funeral.

A pear tree bearing a third crop of fruit may be seen at Epping, and blackbirds, thrushes, and chaffinches are in full song in the district.

While golfing on the Edgbaston links the Lord Chief Justice hit the ball hard with his niblick. The ball jumped into the air and dropped into his right-hand jacket pocket.

At the Munster Assizes Patrick Greany, who fired a gun at John Hennessy, destroying the sight of both eyes, was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

"It is only when people have anger in their hearts that I seriously deprecate swearing," declared Judge Willis at Southwark County Court. "Such words will come out sometimes."

The Earl of Crewe has informed Mr. Wedgwood, M.P., that on Oct. 31 12,317 Chinese were employed on the Rand, and that the latest term of labour under indenture would expire in January, 1910.

Cambridge University proposes to apply the £812 subscribed by some scientific friends of Lord Rayleigh to commemorate the unanimous election of a scientific investigator to the office of Chancellor of the University, to supplement the Smith's prizes.

INDIGESTION CAUSES DEATH.

Syncope, consequent on acute indigestion, was said at the inquest to have caused the death of Chas. Edwd. Beever, 54, a Harley-st. physician, who was taken ill the morning after dining out.

TRANSVAAL APPOINTMENTS.

Col. Seely, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, stated this week that, of 556 new appointments in the Transvaal Civil Service between March, 1907, and July, 1908, 329 were given to Englishmen and 227 to Dutch. There were then 3,870 English officers in the service and 737 Dutch.

JUST AS HAPPY.

Two years ago a young man in St. Petersburg, named Wladimir Nedochin, inherited a million sterling from his father. He has since spent the whole of his fortune, and is now earning 15s. a week as a crossing sweeper, but he maintains that he is just as happy as when he was rich.

Candidates for the new Turkish Senate must be at least 40 years of age.

A starling has built a nest and laid four eggs in the yard of Mr. Clark, a Standon butcher.

The chairman of the Dunmow Board of Guardians says there are no genuine unemployed in the district.

After a dealer had been fined 24s. at Chelmsford for working a horse in an unfit state, the animal was sold in the public market for 2s. 6d.

Mr. Geo. Hollington, who had hunted with the Worcestershire Hounds for 74 years, has died at Astwood Bank, Worcestershire.

Under the Irish Universities Act, the new Dublin College is to be called University College, and the Queen's Colleges in Cork and Galway are re-baptised "University."

The Gas Light and Coke Co. has, in co-operation with the L.C.C., established a scheme for teaching boys, living within a two-mile radius of Vauxhall Bridge, to become gas-fitters.

Mr. E. Evans, a Welshman, has been elected president of the Cambridge Union, and two Scotsmen—Mr. A. D. McNair and Mr. A. Ramsay—were elected vice-president and secretary respectively.

All efforts to trace M. Lemoine, whose dimond-making exploits culminated in his flight, having proved unavailing, he will be tried by default on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences.

Approaching what was thought to be the body of a man washed up off Aldeburgh, Suffolk, some spratters saw it move and the bearded face of a huge seal appear, which, scrambling down to the sea, was soon out of reach.

STILL WAITING FOR THEM.

Mr. Keir Hardie, at a meeting at East Ham, referred to the "usual addresses and promises made at election times," and stated that when he was married, 28 years ago, one of his wedding presents was a milking pail and stool, given him in anticipation of the coming of the three acres and a cow.

CHURCH REGISTERS RESTORED.

The church registers at St. Columb Major, dating from 1539, have been fully restored by the rector (the Rev. E. J. Walker). No new binding has been introduced, except where absolutely necessary. The eight oldest volumes are in an excellent state of preservation, and will now last for centuries.

WELSH BREWER'S DEATH.

The death has occurred of Ald. David Roberts, of Trefechan, Aberystwyth. Mr. Roberts was one of the oldest of the Welsh brewers, and was the father of Aberystwyth Town Council, to which body he was elected so far back as 41 years ago. He remained a member without a break, and was mayor on three different occasions.

The Duke of the Abruzzi is about to undertake an expedition to little known districts in Asia.

Wm. Bouldry, a machinist, was executed at Maidstone Gaol for wife murder.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr. C. H. Roberts, M.P., to be a Commissioner in Lunacy without salary.

Thirty Mormons, missionaries from Salt Lake City, have arrived in England, and will at once begin a campaign of conversion.

Mr. E. T. Cook, organist of Newland, Worcestershire, has been appointed organist and choirmaster of Southwark Cathedral.

The Shah has given an annual donation of £1,800 to the German hospital at Teheran as a mark of his recognition of the services which German civilisation has rendered Persia.

"It it a remarkable fact that little men and cripples are often most violent," declared the Willesden magistrate when a dwarf was accused of violent behaviour.

Lord Chas. Beresford will retain the command of the Channel Fleet for an additional year, instead of relinquishing his post in March, when he completes two years in the command.

Much satisfaction has been expressed by agriculturists and M.P.'s of all parties at Mr. Asquith's promise to appoint next year an Under-Secretary to the Board of Agriculture.

Harry A. Smith, works manager to the Deasy Motor Manufacturing Co., was committed for trial at a Coventry inquest on a charge of the manslaughter of an errand boy who was killed by a motor-car Smith was driving.

Agnes Boyle and J. Metcalfe, two servants at Rothesay, who are about to be married—one to a member of the Dreadnought's crew and the other to a local mechanic—have been chosen to share the late Marquis of Bute's marriage dowry of £35.

PARISH CLERK FOR 48 YEARS.

There has passed away at Stockland an interesting personality in Mr. Jas. Woodland, who for 48 years had filled the office of clerk to the parish church. Mr. Woodland began his long-continued duties when he was a young man of 27.

DANGER IN HIGH HEELS.

High-heeled boots caused the death of Mary Paget, on whom an inquest was held at Birmingham. She was descending stairs with a lighted lamp in her hand when her heel caught against the edge of a stair, she fell, and the lamp set fire to her clothes.

A BLACK RAT.

A jet black rat of large proportions has been shot by a gamekeeper at Boynton. Its skin was as soft as that of a mole. The old English rat, driven out by the Hanoverian grey rat, is fast disappearing except in remote country districts.

NEXT WEEK, "A CHRISTMAS SONG," BY CHRIS DAVIS AND A. J. PHILLIPS.

THE POSTMAN.

Sung with Enormous Success by T. E. DUNVILLE.

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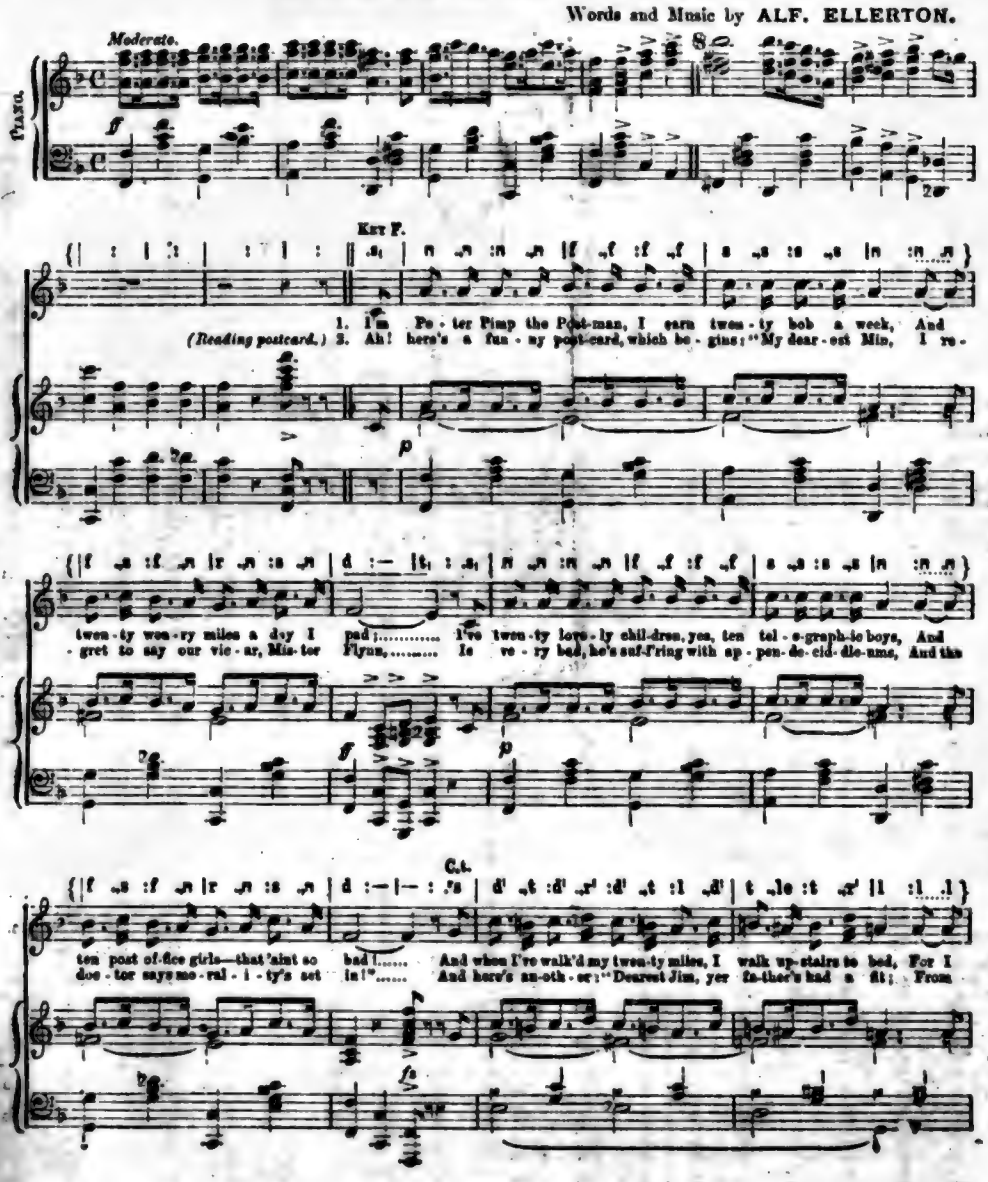

THESE picture postcards make me look a picture of misery. Fancy a postman having to carry three hundred "Niagara Falls," four hundred "Nelson's Monuments" and three hundred "Lusitanias." Yesterday, because I delivered "Marie Studholme" with a muddy face I got reported. I dropped the "Lakes of Killarney" down a grating t'other day; I was two hours getting the "Lakes of Killarney" up again, and then I had to take them home and wash them. We only have two collections on my round, one at opening time, and one at closing time. I never miss either. And the things people send by the parcel post. Last week I burst two mail bags trying to lift a mangle. People do send funny postcards; listen to this one—I've had this one for weeks. (*Reads*) "Dear Sir, *Re* your question, how to put ribbons on a typewriter? We are sending Miss Smith to show you." Here's another. (*Reads*) "Dear Wife, Am coming home to dinner at two g.m. sharp; if dinner is not ready, shall throw you out of window, if dinner is ready, shall throw dinner after you. Yours lovingly, Mike." Listen to this. (*Reads*) "Dear George, Have got work at last; break the news gently to my friends. I am earning a shilling an hour sifting dynamite. P.S.—Expect a rise any minute." Ah, but this is the one. (*Reads*) "Dear Son, You say your rich aunt has fallen down the well, and ask my advice. Dear Son, leave well alone." This is one from a little girl who has lost her grandmother. (*Reads*) "Dear Angels, Please give grandmother a harp; don't give her a trumpet to blow as she is very short-winded." Ah, but this is the one. (*Reads*) "Dear Doctor, You have not sent my wife's mother any medicine for three weeks, consequently she is getting well rapidly; please send her some medicine at once." Ah, but this is the one. (*Reads*) "Dear Sir, Your letter implies a doubt as to your brother Dennis's death—I can only say that if your brother was not dead we have buried him on suspicion." Here's another. (*Reads*) "Dear Sir, If you do not remove the Gorgonsola you left with us a year ago, we shall be compelled to shoot it." Listen to this. (*Reads*) "Dear Madame, *Re* your request for the hire of our chapel, I regret to say the authorities have closed it on account of its unsafe condition—really it is a veritable death trap, but as you say you only want the chapel for a suffragette meeting, you can use it with pleasure."

CHORUS.—Walk, &c.

THE ROUNDABOUT PAPERS.

XLII.—CALLERS.

By CHRIS.

Pip.

A migration seems to be wending its way through Acacia-rd. It partakes not of the midnight "flitting" order, neither does it, in an auricular sense, suggest the echoes of the rumbling wheels of the elephantine pantechnicon. No, it is of the last leaves of autumn pattern. In fact, one may say that it is a human locust plague—namely, the tramps, who, like the seagulls at this time of the year, are ever with us. These cheery vagabonds (possibly I am one of them) are, like myself, real Bohemians, although, strictly speaking, they have a keener sense of their responsibilities in life. The Chieftainess being a lady fond of "busying round," I may say, does not share my opinions over the matter; she entertains, and perhaps justly so, an animus against the man who won't wash his neck and refuses at the same time to have his hair cut at regular periods. (I may add, by the way, that I am not included in the latter list). Nevertheless, the human flotsam and jetsam which at this period of the year are floating through Acacia-rd seem to entertain quite an affectionate regard for the kindly lady who shares a good half of my woes and perhaps a fourth of my pleasures in this sphere of mould and disappointments.

The first gentleman who indulged in a light cannonade upon our door must be written down distinctly under the vague category of "ancient." His face, of the cheap dried fig order, was half-buried in a "snowstorm" of hair and beard. The Chieftainess, startled by the running reports of the street door knocker, and with the magic name of "Editor" running through her mind, made rapid preparations to rise to a reception-in-ate emergency by shaking off her apron, bunching up her back hair, and pulling out her front fringe. She looked aghast and felt much worse when she saw the modern unwashed mush standing on her step. He was, however, affable, like most of his type. "Good morning, marm," he said, drawing a muddy hand across a moist and grimy-looking nose, "I thought as ow I'd like to come an' say good-bye afore I left yer for ever." The Chieftainess gave a start, and a thrill of horror ran through her frame as she imagined for one moment that the bunch of rags and hair had selected her freshly cleaned doorstep for a dramatic demise. Then her reason balanced itself. "I don't understand you," she said icily. "In fact I've never seen you before." "Ah! marm," said the old sinner, your memory's shorter than my nances, still there ain't any ill-feeling on my part. At this 'ere season of the year we should be full of pudden', mincemeat, flavouring (various, at a penny a packet), an' forgiveness. Anyway, marm, I thought you would never pardon me if I went into the 'ld jump without bidding ye farewell," said the venerable one. The Chieftainess gave a gasp. Then I 's to meself, sez I, 'if I don't call on the good lady at No. 45, which is next door to 46, and say 'adoo,' and offer 'er four of my boot laces at early winter prices—namely, twopence a lot—she'll never forgive me.'"

The Chieftainess, taken by surprise, wore a puzzled look, and in a distracted manner held out twopence

"I've come to say good-bye."

and gingerly held the bunch of laces. "I've just said good-bye to my family," said the hoary-headed purveyor of boot laces. "It took some time, there being seventeen on 'em, the eldest bein' about fifty-three and the youngest twelve months." The Chieftainess gave a start. "What!" said she, "at your age!" "Well, marm, what about it? What amusements do we poor get, only——" The Chieftainess pushed him off the step and slammed the door. But, in the words of the immortal Mrs. Gamp, the aged speculator in boot laces and children was not to be "denied so," and, opening the letter-box, he shouted through a final "Gor bless yer, marm, and good-bye till the spring."

When the Chieftainess repeated this story I was inclined to scoff at it, and complimented her on the growing richness of her imagination. The usually highly-flavoured discussion followed, with the result that the Chieftainess went out in a huff, leaving me to mount guard in the Acacian homestead. Five minutes had scarcely elapsed when a dull "dab" sounded on the front elevation of our street door. I ignored the summons. Another but more richly fledged "dab" re-echoed through the corners of the passage. I sniffed an unconcerned sniff and encouraged an indifference to all door knockers. Then I heard a snuffle, and its owner fired a minute gun on the door. I smiled, and endeavoured to recite, in whispered staccato, G. R. S.'s favourite recitation of "The Lifeboat." With fiendish persistence the snuffler fired a mourning salute of some fourteen guns of the ironworks of the street door. My wrath then got the better of me, and tumbling into the passage I gathered myself together in ramlike fashion, charged down the passage at full speed, and suddenly opened the door.

The man was for the moment startled, but he sort of pulled himself together, and, gazing on me with wide open eyes, exclaimed, "Hello, guv'nor, what do you want, a fire-engine or a doctor?" "I want neither," said I. "Then, getting on his own ground, I further said, "What do you want?" "Nuffing," he said, "nuffing at all. The fact is, guv'nor, I've come to say good-bye, a long and pafetic good-bye." "I don't know you," I said airily. "Who the dickens are you?" The tears gathered in the man's eyes, and he apostrophised the rising moon in a sad voice. "'Ark," he said; "listen to 'im. He 'es 'e don't know me—me, a bloke as 'as watched over 'im and sold 'im cards of shirt buttons and braces of tie-clips at rock-bottom prices, with the result that I've gone stone broke. Oh, the perfidy of our fellow man!" And here he drew forth a muddied rag of a pocket-handkerchief from his sleeve and gathered up a small pool of brine and mud which had nestled in the corner of his right eye. "You get!" I breathed out. "We've had one farewell already, and if you hurry up you will catch him and be able to join him in what he designated as the lump." "Me in the workus! You're mistook, guv'nor; I was never seed there in my nateral. I'm going to hemigrate to the land of the risin' sun, where they wants British bone and mussels, although tuppence for three bone studs would come in more acceptable at the present moment." I "swopped," and the emigrant wended on his weary way.

"I like old friends."

There were two or three of the ordinary interruptions of the wrong number, parcel, and general order till about 9.30. Then a man with a round head of the ribstone pattern, balanced on the top of a long neck, appeared. His voice was husky and his gait uncertain. "Are you Mr. Sniff?" he said in solemn accents. "No, I'm not," I snapped. "Well, who are you?" he remarked sententiously. "My name is Mr. Chris," I said. "Well, it's all the same to me, boss," he said; "this is the season o' goodwill to men and peace on the bloomin' earth, and to show that the breach is ended atween us, I've come to bid you 'adoo.'" "I've never met you before," I said. He elevated his clogged-up eyebrows. "You reckerlects wot it was which brought us together, matey. Why, when I was a-sellin' you rhubarb at a penny a bundle in the summer; then we meets in the autumn when I was a-'awking round fresh-biled winkles dead cheap at tuppence a pint; and christenings at a penny a 'andful—I means chrysanthemums—and now you sez you don't reckerlect me. Anyway, I'm a grateful sort o' card, and I came to bid you a last 'adoo' afore I jumps into the river." "You mean," said I, with a ghastly attempt at humour, "you've come to say au-river.'" The man gave a moan. "Well," he said, "if I can't get threepence for a night's kick I'm over the bridge at 10.30 this blessed night, and my watery end will ring in your ears for hever with my last 'adoo.'" The appeal was too much for me. I saved his life: it was cheap at the price. This new farewell idea is, however, more than ingenious—it is the sublimity of impudence.

ON THE COMMON.

RELUCTANT WITNESS AND A QUESTION OF IDENTIFICATION.

Fdk. Short, a gentlemanly-dressed young man, residing at Stockwell Park-crescent, Stockwell, surrendered to his bail at the S.W. Court to answer the charge of committing acts of misconduct on Clapham Common.—In consequence of numerous complaints special watch was kept, which resulted in prisoner being arrested.—A married woman, residing at Milkwood-rd., Herne Hill, attended the court with reluctance. She described how she was annoyed on two different occasions. She admitted saying in the first instance that she was not absolutely positive as to prisoner's identity.—Mr. De Grey: Then why are you certain now? The matter was so delicate that I had no wish to attend the court.—Evidence was also given by a police officer, of whom prisoner asked, "Have you had any other complaints?" He was told in reply there had been several complaints.—The defence was that prisoner was not regarded as being wholly responsible for his actions.—Dr. Felix Kempster gave evidence for the defence. He proceeded to describe

PRISONER'S STATE OF HEALTH

since his infancy, and the mental condition of the family since the time of the great-grandmother. Since the adjournment he had had an opportunity of examining prisoner daily in his surgery. He (witness) was informed that on one occasion prisoner was run over by a cyclist and on another by a pair of cart horses. Witness was of opinion that the man was an epileptic, and not responsible for his actions.—Mr. De Grey said he felt sorry for prisoner, and the only question was how he should deal with him. He (the magistrate) was satisfied prisoner committed the acts alleged. He had probably done the same thing before, for he inquired of the police officer if there had been other complaints.—The father, Mr. E. T. Short, Richmond, replying to the magistrate, said he was prepared to look after his son.—Mr. De Grey accepted the father's surety in £10 for the good behaviour of prisoner for 12 months.

LIFEBOATS' FRUITLESS TRIP.

The lifeboats which put out yesterday morning from Walton-on-the-Naze in response to signals of distress from Whittaker Spit returned in the evening, having found on their arrival at the Spit that their assistance was not required. Some mystery still surrounds the affair. It would appear that two barges were ashore on Whittaker Spit, one of which, the Joseph of Rochester, had sunk when the lifeboats put in an appearance. The second barge had got safely off without help, and it is supposed that the crew of the wrecked barge had been taken off by the former.

SEASIDE MYSTERY.

SENSATIONAL STORIES AT THE INQUEST.

Sensational evidence was given when the inquest was resumed at Southport into the circumstances touching the death of Mrs. Dorothy Oliver, otherwise Allen, a widow, aged 59, who was found dead at her residence, 6, Alexandra-rd., Southport, on Nov. 24, with shot wounds in the head and body.—Samuel Bannister, of Beeston, Notts, cousin of deceased, gave evidence of identification, and stated that a man, named Hy. Jackson, who was suspected of murdering Oliver, and who was discovered dead on Nov. 28 in circumstances pointing to suicide by poison, had transacted business for Allen. So far as witness knew, Allen's moral character was good. Her intimacy with Jackson ceased about eight years ago. He identified jewellery produced as having belonged to Allen.—Medical evidence was given that Mrs. Rimmer, who was Jackson's landlady, and who first stated that Jackson was not out of the house during the night of Allen's murder, and afterwards admitted he was out all night, was unable to attend the inquiry.

Who Moved the Blind?

—Evidence was given by a friend of Allen's named Foster, a man of 87 years of age, that Allen visited him and his sister-in-law on the Sunday before the murder, and left after expressing her intention of ordering a quantity of beer similar to that she had been drinking at Foster's house.—Another witness, Miss Jones, who resides in the next house to the Allens, stated that about half-past ten on Sunday night, Nov. 22, she heard a noise of two persons in the passage outside Allen's house, the noise being repeated about four o'clock the following morning.—A sensation was caused by a witness named Miss Dodgson, who stated that a few minutes before nine o'clock on Monday morning, Nov. 23, she was passing Oliver's house, when she saw the side blind of the breakfast-room raised by a lady, whom she was certain in her own mind was Mrs Oliver. She was partly dressed, with her hair down. Jackson sold Oliver's jewellery at 10.45 the same morning.

Shots Heard.

—Wm. Smith, commercial traveller, stated that about 11 o'clock on Monday, Nov. 23, he was calling at a house nearly opposite Oliver's, when he heard four shots fired. The first shot was 10 seconds before the next, but the last three shots were close together. Witness was certain the shots were fired in Oliver's house, but could not say whether they were from a revolver or rifle. They must have been from a repeating weapon owing to the quickness of the last three shots.—P.C. Simpson, of the Southport force, testified to effecting an entrance at Oliver's house on Tuesday night, Nov. 24, and finding Oliver dead in the passage. Witness thought it was a case of apoplexy. A doctor found bullet wounds in the head and body. The constable said he had no suspicion that there had been foul play. On searching the house no jewellery was discovered, though deceased was known to have a considerable quantity in her possession.—Joseph Saul, estate agent, who had in hand the letting of Oliver's house, and went there with the police on the Tuesday night, stated that Dr. Pinkerton said something which led them all to believe it was a case of death from natural causes.

Detective's Theory.

—Det.-insp. Clarke, of Southport, produced a pair of boots belonging to Hy. Jackson, both of which had bloodstains on the sole. His theory was that Mrs. Oliver was in the breakfast room stooping to put down a tray when she was shot in the back; that she afterwards wrestled with her assailant, who finally shot her in the head, and laid the body out in the passage.—Jas. Thompson, pawnbroker, spoke as to Jackson being at his shop at 9.45 on Monday morning, Nov. 23, and selling jewellery.—Important evidence was given by a girl named Alice Carr, assistant at a confectioner's shop where Jackson used to purchase bread. She said that Jackson gave her the brooch (produced) on the Wednesday following Mrs Oliver's murder as a present. He had previously said he would give her a small present.—The coroner said the brooch would be positively identified as belonging to Mrs. Oliver.

Medical Evidence.

—Dr. Popert, who examined Oliver the morning after the discovery, and also made the post-mortem, said deceased could not have inflicted the first two gunshot wounds in the body, but these did not cause death. Probably Mrs. Oliver lived some little time after receiving these wounds, but would die almost immediately after being shot in the head.—The Coroner said finger-print impressions had been taken of Jackson after death, and there were also photographs of finger prints in blood on the wall of Oliver's house, but, although every effort had been made to compare these sets of finger prints, the test had failed. The analysis of the contents of Henry Jackson's stomach was read, and showed he had taken at least 16 grains of pure strychnine, while a further quantity might have entered the system.

Glimpse of Jackson's Life.

The admission by Jackson of stealing articles belonging to a fellow-lodger named Ogden, some time ago, caused considerable surprise. Ogden stated that while residing at the same house with Jackson he missed several things, including an antique clock and a pair of Yorkshire terriers. On the morning of the murder of Mrs. Oliver witness met Jackson in the street. Jackson stopped him, and said he was sorry for having stolen Ogden's dogs and goods. One Yorkshire, called Zoe, he had sold to a policeman at St. Helens; the other, called Judah, was in Southport. Jackson also told Ogden he had been up all night, and wanted to borrow a sovereign from witness to enable him to travel to Cumberland. Ogden declined to lend him the money.—The inquiry adjourned till Jan. 6.

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BODY UNDER FLOOR.

HUSBAND CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Geo. Hume, 40, tailor, of 3, Loampit-hill, Lewisham, was charged, on remand, before Mr. Hutton, at Greenwich, with the wilful murder of his wife, Bertha, between Nov. 15 and 16.—The woman's body was found under the floor of a room at prisoner's shop. Prisoner himself had been taken to the Lewisham Infirmary and detained in the lunatic ward.—Mr. Williamson, who appeared to prosecute for the Treasury, reviewed the facts of the case briefly. He said prisoner had been married for five years, and had one child. Deceased woman was last seen alive at 7.30 on the evening of Nov. 15. Next morning prisoner, who was cleaning the steps, said his wife had gone away, but afterwards said she was queer upstairs. He told another person later that she had gone away. In the evening prisoner was taken to the station by a constable, who found him carrying his little boy and behaving in a strange manner.

Drink and Quarrels.

Relatives of the wife noticed loose boards in the workroom, and the police being informed, Insp. Garner searched and found the woman's body under the boards, a rope having been tied around her neck. There would be evidence of premeditation, for a witness named Stelly had seen the boards disturbed and sawdust about on Friday, Nov. 13. There was no doubt prisoner had been drinking heavily of late and had had quarrels with his wife, of whom he was jealous.—Fanny Wilcox, of 5, Loampit-hill, next door to the scene of the murder, said the Humes had lived next door since just before last Christmas. She never knew them to quarrel, and believed them to be a very happy pair. She had always known prisoner to be sane and reasonable.—Sarah Eliah Chaplin, of 7, Loampit-hill, said the deceased woman used to visit her occasionally.

GEORGE HUME

One Friday evening prisoner, who was the worse for drink, was making a commotion in the street with a bundle of carrots and some wood.

Did Not Remember.

She had never noticed him at other times the worse for drink. She last saw Mrs. Hume on Nov. 12. On the morning of Nov. 16 she saw prisoner, who said, "Good morning." Witness said, "Mrs. Hume's coming in to see me this morning," and he replied, "We both might come in to-night." Asked how his wife was, he said, "She's gone away." Witness said, "Go on; who are you kidding?" He then said he had been to the doctor and that his wife was ill upstairs. Shortly before two witness offered to go in to see if she could do anything for Mrs. Hume. Prisoner said, "She's on the bed upstairs." Witness went to enter her house, when prisoner said, "I want to tell you something," and, to her surprise, picked up his little boy, put him on his shoulder, and walked down Loampit-hill. She did not see him again. Witness identified a gold ring as one worn by the deceased woman on Nov. 12.—Prisoner said he did not think it any use to ask questions, as he did not remember anything that took place that day.—At this stage prisoner was remanded.—At the inquest the jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against Hume.

ENGINEER AND GIRL.

CURIOUS LETTER READ IN DEVONSHIRE CASE.

The sequel to a Devonshire courtship was forthcoming at Barnstaple when a young man named Frank Quick, an engineer, was summoned by a comely domestic employed at a farm near the town, in respect of her illegitimate child. Complainant, Alice Symons, who is only 19 years of age, told the Bench a sad story of her betrayal. She stated that during the past 13 months she had been courted by defendant. On various occasions since December she had succumbed to his persuasions. The intimacy continued until July, when she discovered that her condition was amiss. Defendant was taxed by her brother as being the cause of the trouble, and in his presence wrote the following note, which he subsequently signed:

I hereby say I am the father of the expected child of Alice Symons.

In addition, it was alleged, he promised to marry Miss Symons forthwith, but the arrangements had not been completed.—Quick, who did not appear, was ordered to contribute towards the child's maintenance.

£2,000 DAMAGES.

At Belfast Assizes, yesterday, the family of Alexandra Torney, who was killed by a brougham in a street accident, was awarded £2,000 damages against the owner of the brougham.

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CASE COLLAPSES.

DRAMATIC ENDING TO CHARGE AGAINST A WOMAN.

A case heard before the Exeter magistrates yesterday had a sensational ending.—Emma Hill, a furniture broker, and a prominent member of the Wesleyan Church, was summoned for using threats towards Lucy Webber, a domestic servant. It was alleged that defendant concerned herself about the domestic affairs of Mr. and Mrs. Still, to whom complainant was servant, and surreptitiously obtained things from Mrs. Still. The servant followed defendant in her master's interest, and obtained the things from defendant, who threatened her, and subsequently sent her a threatening letter, and also wrote Mrs. Still about her.—Mr. and Mrs. Still both gave evidence of identification, but defendant denied all knowledge of the affair. At the request of Mr. Alford, defendant's solicitor, complainant wrote specimens of her handwriting, and Mr. Alford submitted that it was similar to that contained in the letters which she alleged defendant wrote.—Complainant admitted that she was formerly in the service of a lady named Mrs. Freeth, but denied that she went under the name of Lucy Soanes.

AN ASSUMED NAME.

—Mrs. Freeth's daughter was fetched, and swore that not only did complainant go by that name, but had letters addressed to her, and signed the wages book produced as Lucy Soanes. Complainant adhered to her denial, but when confronted with her former mistress broke down and wept.—The magistrates said no reliance could be placed on the girl's story, and the case would be dismissed.—On the application of Supt. Dymond, the bench ordered all documents to be impounded.—Lucy Webber was subsequently arrested by the police.

WIFE DESERTS HUSBAND.

Lord Guthrie heard evidence, at the Edinburgh Court of Session, in an action for divorce at the instance of Jas. Laing, farmer, residing at Heughhead, Keig, Aberdeenshire, against his wife, Jeannie Bremner or Laing, Gilcamston-ter., Aberdeen.—Pursuer said he was married to defender in December, 1893. His wife left him in April the following year and went to her father's house. She was unwilling to return to pursuer, and told him that she was going to America to see her friends. Several years afterwards she returned to Scotland.—Lord Guthrie, after hearing other evidence, granted decree of divorce.

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DIVORCE COURT STORIES.

ANGRY HUSBAND.

HOW HE THRASHED HIS WIFE'S LOVER.

SCENE IN A SURGERY.

How an angry husband thrashed a doctor who had supplanted him in his wife's affections was told during the hearing of the case in which Dr. Devi Sasun, who in 1905 had charge of a branch surgery at Walthamstow, was cited as co-respondent in a petition filed by a Walthamstow baker named Chas. Edk. Vine, who claimed damages. The wife did not appear, but co-respondent, who denied misconduct, was represented by Mr. Barlow. —Mr. Lambert appeared for petitioner. He explained that in 1905 co-respondent attended his client's little boy. Later petitioner received an anonymous communication suggesting that things were not as they should be between Mrs. Vine and Dr. Sasun, and in consequence he began to take notice. He discovered that his wife was in the habit of going out in her best clothes. On one occasion he asked where she had been, and after some hesitation she confessed that she had been to see Dr. Sasun, and that she loved him and would never care for any other man.

On the Knee.

He called upon co-respondent and gave him a good thrashing, with the result that the man fell on his knees and promised never to see Mrs. Vine again. He, however, denied that any misconduct had taken place. On Jan. 13, 1906, respondent left her husband, and being thoroughly satisfied that the doctor was the cause, petitioner, in his passion, attacked him in his surgery, stabbing him severely in many places. Police proceedings followed, but, under the circumstances, although petitioner was charged with attempted murder, and pleaded guilty to assault, he was allowed out on his own recognisances. During the proceedings co-respondent admitted that, in reply to a telegram which he received from her on Jan. 13, 1906, he met Mrs. Vine at Charing Cross Station, and took her to her mother's, who would not receive her, and then to an hotel in Craven-st., he himself returning to Walthamstow. The following day he took her to a boarding-house at Earl's Court, and while there visited her on several occasions.

The Doctor's Promise.

—Petitioner said that when he thrashed co-respondent the man declared that there had been no misconduct, and swore that he would never see or speak to Mrs. Vine again. Later his wife confessed that she loved the doctor and that "nobody could govern the destiny of their affections." When his wife left him he foolishly went round to the doctor's surgery and made use of a knife, in the way which had been indicated. — Cross-examined by Mr. Barlow, petitioner admitted having used violence towards his wife on two occasions. It was not true, however, that she went in fear of her life.—Mrs. Emma Dukes said she had seen co-respondent call upon Mrs. Vine, when all the children had been playing outside, and had noticed her leaving the house smartly dressed. Respondent had admitted to her that she was very fond of the doctor.

Called Him a "Dear."

—Mrs. Annie Lewis stated that Mrs. Vine had confided to her that the doctor used to take her out, and that she loved him.—Anything more? She said he was a "dear," and that but for the children she would go away with him there and then.—When she went out how was she dressed? Like a lady; very different from when she went out with her husband. She would come and tell me when she was going out with the doctor.—Miss Florence Sullivan, who assists her mother in a boarding establishment at Earl's Court, remembered Mrs. Vine staying with them in January of 1906. Co-respondent called to see her.—Mr. Barlow submitted, on behalf of co-respondent, that there was really no case to go to the jury so far as his client was concerned.—The President said there was a clear case against the woman, whatever might be the evidence against co-respondent. He could not stop the case.—Mr. Barlow remarked that co-respondent was placed at a disadvantage, because of the absence of the wife. He was sorry she was not present.

Co-Respondent's Denial.

—Co-respondent declared that he had never misconducted himself with Mrs. Vine, and that his visits to her had only been in his professional capacity. When petitioner called at the surgery in November of 1905 he never asked for an explanation, and witness did not know who he was until the man had got him on the door. Witness added: "He opened the door, and commenced hammering me there and then, without asking for any explanation." When witness received Mrs. Vine's telegram he met her at Charing Cross and took her to a respectable hotel in Craven-st., and afterwards arranged for her to stay at a respectable boarding-house, where he was known, at Earl's Court. He did not go to Mr. Vine and tell him where his wife was because he did not want his neck broken. He did send a verbal message, which he learnt afterwards was not delivered. He acted throughout as he did to avoid a scandal, which would cause him to lose his situation. He had not seen respondent since Jan. 18, after which date she went to her relatives at Hammersmith.—Mr. Montague Barlow, co-respondent's counsel, read the following letter from Mrs. Vine to her husband, which, counsel said, in no way incriminated co-respondent:—

Charlie,—I don't know what makes me write this to you, but I want to tell you how sorry I am for the trouble I have caused you. But God knows I have paid bitterly for it, because I have no friend in the world.

You don't know how I miss the children. When I see other people with their husbands and children I feel my wasted life. I am truly sorry, and I say so from my heart. Will you let me see the children? You don't know how my heart yearns for them, poor little mites.

But I deserve all I get. I have written several letters to you, but I have torn them to pieces because I thought you would laugh at them.

—The jury found that Dr. Sasun and Mrs. Vine had been guilty of misconduct, and gave petitioner £100 damages.—His lordship granted a decree nisi, with costs against Dr. Sasun, and gave the husband the custody of the children; he gave judgment for the damages.

MOTHER OF SEVEN.

OLD RAILWAY CARRIAGE AS A HOME.

"I want you to speak the truth, Eddie. It means so much to mummum, and you have nothing to fear." —This was the appeal of a mother to her young son, who had been called to give evidence against her on the father's petition for divorce. "I am speaking the truth," bravely asserted the boy, a bright-looking lad of 13. Petitioner was Jas. Edwin Hucker, sewing machine agent, of Portsmouth who asked to have his marriage dissolved on the ground of the misconduct of his wife, Agnes Caroline, with Jno. Reed, otherwise Hallman, a private inquiry agent. The wife made counter-charges of cruelty.—The husband had the assistance of Mr. Grasebrook as counsel, but the wife and Reed conducted their own cases.

Lived in a Railway Carriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Hucker were married in 1892. After they had lived together for about 10 years the wife said she wanted to launch out in some business, and went into the secondhand furniture trade. She had business dealings with co-respondent, and afterwards went with her children to live in an old railway carriage near Salisbury. Later she went to Gravesend. It was said co-respondent visited her at these places. The husband repudiated three of his wife's seven children, and caused the little boy "Eddie" as a witness to tell of co-respondent's visits to the railway carriage.—Mrs. Hucker and co-respondent, in the witness-box, denied misconduct. They had had business relations, but nothing more. Mrs. Hucker said that Reed's visits were objectionable to her, and he was not the father of any of her children. "What I do say," she added, "is that my husband, Mr. Hucker, is their father."

A Letter Produced.

—The husband was recalled, and produced a letter he received from his wife last year, in which she made a charge against co-respondent, and added: "I should strongly advise you to go for the divorce and sue Reed for heavy damages, Mr. —— and I will go on your side as witnesses for you, but you must do it at once, or else Reed will leave the country."—In reply to co-respondent, witness said he believed what was in the letter. He himself had nothing to do with writing it. He had not "planned the divorce."—Co-respondent, recalled by the Court, said that he considered the letter to be a concoction or hallucination, it was libellous and defamatory.—His lordship (referring to co-respondent's letter about Mrs. Hucker) said it looked to him very like the pot calling the kettle black. (Laughter.) — Mrs. Hucker was afterwards told by his lordship that she could address the jury on the whole case.—Co-respondent: My lord, cannot you give her some stimulant? You can see the state she is in. — Mrs. Hucker (angrily): You mind your own business, Mr. Reed! — Respondent, who was very agitated, was handed a glass of water, and she then addressed the jury briefly.

First Experience.

—In his speech, co-respondent asked if he could hand an affidavit to the jury, but his lordship pointed out that it was inadmissible.—Co-respondent: Well, I only asked you to see; it is the first time I have been here, and I don't want to come here again. (Laughter.)—His Lordship: No, I expect not. (Laughter.) — Co-respondent: I have never heard such trumped-up charges. — Respondent: My lord, can I put this man in the witness-box again; he has made false charges against me?—His Lordship: No; no more evidence, thank you.—After retiring for nearly two hours, the jury found that respondent and co-respondent had misconducted themselves, and assessed the damages at £200.—His lordship pronounced a decree nisi, with costs against co-respondent, and gave petitioner the custody of the elder children. In view of the fact that petitioner had claimed only £150 damages, judgment was given for the lesser amount.

DIVORCE SEQUEL.

Action as to Lady Vivian's Marriage Settlement.

An appeal was heard in the Probate Court of Mrs. Winifred McCalmont from an order of Justice Bargrave Deane refusing to allow her to be heard upon a petition for varying the marriage settlements of Lord and Lady Vivian. Mrs. McCalmont is the mother of Lady Vivian, and claimed to be interested in the settlements.—Mr. Barnard, K.C., in support of the appeal, said Lord Vivian petitioned for a divorce and obtained a decree nisi. He filed a petition to vary the marriage settlement. Upon the marriage Lady Vivian brought £35,000, which was settled upon herself for life, then upon her husband, and then upon the children. Mrs. McCalmont brought in as part of this sum £31,000, the income of which was

TO BE HELD IN TRUST,

but in the event of there being no children it was to go back eventually to Mrs. McCalmont. There were children of the marriage. Mrs. McCalmont also covenanted to pay £1,000 a year to her daughter.—Lord Justice Vaughan Williams said this appeal must be allowed. The wrong procedure had been followed. If Lord Vivian desired that Mrs. McCalmont should not be heard, he should have moved for her to be dismissed from the petition on his undertaking to pay her all costs she had been put to. In his opinion, however, her interest was such that she was entitled to be presented at the hearing of the petition.—Lord Justice Buckley gave judgment to the same effect.

GAIETY ACTRESS.

HER LOVER ORDERED TO PAY £200 DAMAGES.

Justice Bargrave Deane and a common jury had before them the petition of Mr. Joseph Alfred Chown, a bill broker, for the dissolution of the marriage by reason of the adultery of his wife with Mr. Eric Edward Connant, whose position was not stated, against whom damages were claimed. Respondent, Mrs. Lilian Juliana Chown, was stated to be an actress engaged at the Gaiety Theatre. —Counsel for petitioner said that the marriage took place in September, 1902, at the Registry Office, Poland-st., Soho. At that time Mr. Chown had an income of about £1,000 a year, which was subsequently reduced. The following year a child, Leslie Bernard, was born. In March, 1905, respondent

Went on the Stage,

and from that time onwards there were differences between petitioner and respondent. He noticed that she was constanly accepting the invitations of men to suppers and dances, and used to come home late at night, or, said counsel, "rather early in the morning." In December, 1905, petitioner took a flat in Clement's Inn, and after a time respondent took rooms in Palace-st., Victoria. From there she wrote to her husband that she had run away "with someone who loved her." Inquiries were made and she was found to be living with Mr Connant in Nottingham-place, Baker-st. On the question of damages, counsel said that, subject to the sanction of the jury, they had been agreed at £200, which the co-respondent should pay in respect of the adultery.

£200 Damages.

—Evidence was given in support of counsel's statement, and also to the effect that respondent was identified at the stage door of the Gaiety Theatre.—His lordship, in directing the jury, said that both petitioner and co-respondent seemed to have agreed as to the value of the lady—viz., £200—and there was no reason why the jury should not assess that sum.—The jury found for that amount, and his lordship granted petitioner a decree nisi, with custody of the child.—With regard to costs, it was stated that co-respondent had agreed to pay £40.

DESERTED WIFE.

Husband Ordered to Return Within Six Months.

Mrs. Alice Amelia Warner, who resides at Garden House, Tonbridge, obtained a decree of restitution of conjugal rights against her husband, Mr. Reginald Graham Warner, who did not answer the suit, the decree to be obeyed within six months.—According to the evidence of petitioner, the marriage took place in 1884 at Darjiling, India, respondent being a tea planter. There had been one daughter of the union. In 1906 the parties returned to England, but in November of the following year he went out to India again on a temporary appointment. Mrs. Warner was then residing at Strawberry Hill, and when her husband returned he introduced her to a Mr. and Miss Marshall, whom he said he had met on board ship whilst on the return voyage. In October, 1907, Mr. Warner returned to India on business. They parted affectionately, and he at first wrote her friendly letters, but in April last she received a letter from him saying that he was living with Miss Marshall and that he should not return. His wife wrote to him asking him to return, but he refused to do so.

BEWARE OF THE BOATMAN.

Anonymous Letter Leads to a Divorce.

Mr. Thomas Weeland, of Portsmouth, who petitioned for a divorce, was granted a decree nisi and costs and £75 damages against co-respondent, William Peters, a boat-owner at Dartmouth.—Mr. Preedy, who appeared for petitioner, said that in July of last year his client received an anonymous letter, which ran:—

Beware of the boatman. Is dangerous at home. Watch him.—From a well-wisher.

As the result petitioner warned his wife against having anything to do with Peters, about whom he had spoken to her before. The following September his wife left him. He found her living in a house belonging to co-respondent's sister at Plymouth, and induced her to return home with him. She, however, left him again, and he traced her to Gloucester, co-respondent being in her company. Shortly afterwards she sent him a letter, in which she said:—

I have made up my mind never to return to you, and want nothing from you, so do not come here, as I should not see you on any pretext whatever.

Later petitioner discovered that his wife and Peters were living together at Dartmouth.—Neither respondent nor co-respondent appeared.

MIXED MARRIAGES.

Hindu Husbands and English Wives.

Sir Gorell Barnes decided that a native of India cannot marry an Englishwoman in this country and repudiate her when he returns to his own country. He granted a judicial separation to Mrs. Chetti, an Englishwoman whose husband, a judge in Madras, earning £1,800 a year, asserted that the marriage was invalid. Mr. Chetti claimed that as he was of the caste of the "twice born" or "regenerates," he could only marry a woman of the same caste, and that, under the Indian law, he could marry a number of wives. "I gather that my decision may affect other people," said Sir Gorell Barnes in delivering judgment. "It is asserted that members of Mr. Chetti's caste must perform the

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before the marriage takes place, or the marriage is not binding. But I find that both parties went through the marriage ceremony intending it to be a binding marriage according to our law, and a voluntary union of one man one wife for life, to the exclusion of others. It has been said by the counsel for Mr. Chetti that there are other cases in which natives of India have entered into marriages in England believing them to be illegal," he added. "It is exceedingly difficult to believe that statement, and I can only hope that it is based upon misinformation, because it would be a very serious matter if such a thing was allowed to be continued without notice being taken of it."

"WON BY WAITING!"

HOW A HUSBAND CAUGHT HIS ERRING WIFE.

An interesting story was told during the hearing of the case in which Dr. Geo. Hy. Heron, of Liverpool, was cited as co-respondent in a petition filed by Mr. Albt. Littleton, formerly of that city, but now of Panama.—Petitioner, for whom Mr. Bayford appeared, said that on returning from America in June of 1907 he found his wife, who had adopted the calling of nurse, living in Birkenhead. Looking in her box one day he came across a letter, which ran:

Good-bye and God bless you, darling. Don't forget to write to me. I won't forget you.—HARRY.

Witness added that he had no idea who Harry was, but he said to his wife, "I think your game is up. I think you have had a pretty good run. Who is Harry?" After a little fencing, she replied: "He is my boy. He has been looking after me a little bit. What are you bothering about? You are at the other end of the world, and I am here." Upon this he ceased to live with her.

"My Own Dearest."

He subsequently discovered a letter in his wife's handwriting which, from a certain reference in it, he was satisfied had been addressed by her to Dr. Heron. It commenced "My own dearest," and contained a passage which showed clearly what their relations were. After this he found that his wife and co-respondent were living together in Cameron-st. One night he went to the house accompanied by a Mr. Jackson, and broke in the back door. He caught them both in. He had a "scrap" with the doctor, and a policeman separated them. When he confronted them he exclaimed to his wife, "Hello! won by waiting! I've caught you together this time." She replied, "All right, old boy, we've given you a

Good Run for Your Money,

haven't we?" "Then," added petitioner, "she took up a poker and tried to strike me with it."—Mr. Rbt. Jackson said that when served with the papers Dr. Heron told him that he was not going to defend the case.—Co-respondent was represented by counsel, who, however, informed the court that he did not propose to put his client in the box.—The jury found that misconduct had been proved, and petitioner was granted a decree nisi, with costs, against co-respondent. Damages were not asked for.

BRIEF MARRIED LIFE.

Young Wife Obtains A Judicial Separation.

Justice Bargrave Deane had before him the undefended petition of Mrs. Florence Lilian Milne, for a judicial separation by reason of the cruelty of her husband, Mr. J. D. Milne, whose position was not stated.—The parties were married in June, 1907, when petitioner was between 19 and 20 years of age. They lived together at Clapham Park. It was stated that from the time of the marriage the wife's life was a very unhappy one in consequence of the treatment of her husband, and her health suffered. According to the wife's evidence, her husband had struck her, abused her and used threats towards her. She was very much afraid of him. On one occasion, when she returned home from Southend, she showed her mother a mark on her forehead.—Mrs. Alice Mary Levy, mother of petitioner, corroborated the evidence of her daughter, and a decree of judicial separation was granted with costs. — It was arranged that permanent alimony to the extent of £2 a week should be allowed petitioner.

"UNPRINTABLE!"

Famous Ex-Pugilist Granted a Divorce.

John L. Sullivan, once the champion heavy-weight, told Judge Barnes, of Chicago, the story of his unhappy marriage, and obtained a divorce. Sullivan testified that he married in 1883, and separated from his wife in 1884. He charged his wife with desertion and improper conduct. The ex-gladiator was a picture of health. "I have been off rum four years now," he told the court, "and I have won back money and self-respect. I am a new man, and will never take another drink. I have killed the desire by auto-suggestion and faith in myself. Matrimony is an ideal state for a man if he gets it right, but if he gets it like I did it is something unprintable." — Judge Barnes, the registrar, and the official stenographer all shook hands with Sullivan when he was introduced by his attorney, and after hearing his testimony and that of Frank Hall, a decree was granted.

MANY WEEKS OF AGONY.

With Eczema on Arm and Legs—Could Scarcely Sleep for Months—Tried Many Treatments Without Result—Could Not Work for 11 Weeks—Completely Cured by Cuticura.

My trouble began with irritation on the legs and right arm, which developed into eczema. In a few weeks' time I was in perfect agony. I was prevented from attending work for eleven weeks, and although I tried remedies suggested by my friends, they were all used without any effect, and two doctors failed to do any good. One day I decided to make another attempt to get rid of my complaint and purchased a full set of Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Pills, and in ten days I found the irritation disappearing. I would not have believed it possible for any remedy to afford such comfort in so short a time. I was able to sleep all night—a thing which I had not been able to do for months—and in the course of another week there were unmistakable signs of the eczema being mastered. I persevered with Cuticura, and in six weeks, using two supplies, I was cured.—George Harrison, Poole-terrace, nr. South Milford, Yorkshire, Eng., June 11, 1907.—(Adve.)

LANDLORD LIABLE

FOR THE LOSS OF GUESTS' PROPERTY.

A case of importance to innkeepers was decided in a Divisional Court before Justices Bigham and Walton, being the appeal Wright v. Anderton, which raised questions as to the extent of an innkeeper's liability for guests' property left at his inn.—Mr. Anderton, a Bradford innkeeper, was sued, before his Honour Judge Bompas, in Bradford County Court, by plaintiffs, two members of a hockey club, who visited his inn in Bradford on a Saturday for the purpose of changing their clothes previous to playing hockey and afterwards obtaining refreshment. They made use of a room, which had been hired from Mr. Anderton for the season by the hockey club. While plaintiffs were absent, and the hockey match was in progress, a thief, who was never discovered, entered the room and stole jewellery and money from their clothes. His honour held that the innkeeper was liable for the safety of the articles, and gave judgment for plaintiffs.—For the appellant, Mr. Wason now argued that under the terms of the hiring the room, from which the property was stolen could not be considered part of the inn, and the relation of host and guest did not arise.

Points of Law.

—For respondent, Mr. Stanger contended that the landlord was to receive payment for his trouble, and was therefore liable for the loss of the goods entrusted to him.—In giving judgment, Justice Bigham said that on the point whether the room where the goods were left was part of the inn appeared to him to be a question rather of fact than law, and if it were a mere question of legal inference to be drawn from the facts, in his lordship's view the inference drawn by the learned county-court judge was the right one. With regard to the second point, that the relation of guest and landlord had not arisen so as to make the common law applicable to the case, he did not agree with this contention.

Landlord's Responsibility.

The law governing this case was in his lordship's view as follows: The responsibility of an innkeeper for the safety of travellers' property begins at the moment the relation of guest and host arises—that is to say, so soon as the traveller enters the inn with the intention of using it as an inn, and is so received by the landlord. It does not matter that no food or lodging has been provided up to the time of the loss of the goods. It is sufficient to show that there was the intention on the one hand to provide and on the other to accept such accommodation. The goods of the traveller then become liable to lien, although the lien does not attach until debt is incurred. Nor does it matter who is to pay for the accommodation provided, whether it be the traveller himself or some other person. Plaintiffs in this case entered the inn intending to use it as such, and the landlord was to be paid for the accommodation and refreshment, which they required. He was therefore liable under the common law for the safe keeping of the goods left by plaintiffs in the inn. The appeal was accordingly dismissed.—Justice Walton concurred.—Leave to appeal was refused.

DAMAGES FOR LIBEL.

SEQUEL TO A MUNICIPAL BANQUET.

The hearing was concluded, before Justice Grantham and a special jury, of the libel action brought by Mr. Henry Herman Gordon, member for Whitechapel on the L.C.C., against Mr. Leon Anatole Jaques and the Jewish Press (Ltd.) for asserting, amongst other things, that he had eaten roast pig at a dinner given by the Hon. Harry Lawson to those who had been associated with him in the work of the Stepney Borough Council while Mr. Lawson was Mayor of Stepney.—Mr. Gordon, in reply to Mr. Lunge (for the defence), said he

MR. H. H. GORDON.

obeyed the Scriptures with regard to food as far as he could, though he did not always observe the Rabbinical laws.—Mr. Lunge contended that the admittedly untrue allegation that plaintiff had eaten roast pig was no reason why the jury should give penal damages to a man who disregarded the ecclesiastical dietary law. The law was nine-tenths of the whole, and one who disregarded it might as well, so far as the irregularity was concerned, go the whole hog."—he meant eat the whole hog. (Laughter.) The fact, counsel added, that an apology to plaintiff had been published three times showed that it was sincere. — Rabbi Asher Feldman, ecclesiastical assessor to the Chief Rabbi, was called, and said the dietary laws were an important part of the Jewish faith. — In the result the jury returned a verdict for plaintiff—damages £250.

WEST-END MURDER.

An application was refused at the Central Criminal Court for a postponement of the trial of Jas. McDonald, otherwise Jno. Murphy, charged with the murder of Mr. Schlittee at Shaftesbury-av., which had been fixed for to-morrow. It was stated that it was desired to bring witnesses from Scotland to prove that prisoner was insane.

YOUR GRANDPARENTS used KEATING'S LOZENGES; follow a wise example and buy a tin to-day. One lozenge gives relief, and they are a certain cure for the worst cough. Sold only, 1s 1½d each.—(Adve.)

"IN THE SWIM."

BY A CITY SHARK.

Saturday Evening.

FIRMER MARKETS.

Owing to the more hopeful political outlook there is a distinctly improving tendency in the stock markets, and not a little strength has been shown in the Foreign and Mining sections in consequence of buying orders from the Continent. Home Railways have not participated to any appreciable extent in the improvement, which is, perhaps, not surprising, seeing that the latest traffics are by no means encouraging. West Africans have come to the front, and numerous shares in that department exhibit substantial advances on the brighter prospects of the mining industry. Kaffirs have rallied very considerably on the good gold output from the Transvaal of 614,371oz., valued at £2,609,685, for November, the leading shares appreciating materially in value. The South African dividends so far announced are all higher, and the distributions this month will undoubtedly show a record.

BRIGHTON "A" ADVANCE.

The feature in the Stock Exchange to-day was provided by the Home Railway market, where Brighton "A" was strong, and advanced to 87½, on prospects of a higher dividend at the end of the year. Some optimistic dealers are already prognosticating 3½ or 4 per cent., but it is somewhat early yet to indulge one's hopes too freely on the subject. However, the outlook is decidedly brighter than it was this time last year, and the stock stands several points above the price then ruling. Dover "A's" have also been good to-day, and close at 32½. Some of the "heavy" lines are rather better, but business in them is slack.

CONSOLS FIRM.

There is very little investment business about, but the tone of the gilt-edged securities is firmer than usual. Consols are better at 83 15-16, and Indian and Colonial stocks are inclined to harden. The improved political outlook is reflected also in the foreign Bond Market, where, although transactions have been restricted to-day, prices have remained very steady. Diamond issues, notably De Beers and Premiers, are rather stronger on the news of the formation of the new Diamond Syndicate.

NEW DIAMOND SYNDICATE.

The London Diamond Syndicate, which, with the directors of De Beers Consolidated Mines, has played an important part in regulating the price and distribution of diamonds, will be dissolved at the end of this month. It is to be immediately replaced by a new syndicate consisting of Sir Julius Wernher, of Wernher, Beit and Co., and Mr. Solly Joel, of Barnato Bros., as managing principals. The Wernher-Beit and Barnato groups, who will have a predominant interest in the new syndicate, will take 40 per cent. of the profits. The remaining 40 per cent. will be shared by the Central Mining Corporation, the Dunkels and Mosenthal groups. Neither Rothschilds (as was reported from Amsterdam) nor any American interest is in the deal, and the Premier (Transvaal) Diamond Mining Co.'s directors, not having been invited to come in, remain outside. The new syndicate will advance to De Beers such working capital as it may require, and assist it financially in other ways.

TO-DAY'S DIVIDENDS.

An interim dividend of 2½ per cent. is announced by the Cartagena (Colombia) Waterworks. The usual dividend at the rate of 5½ per cent. per annum on the preference shares for the half-year ended Sept. 30, has been declared by G. B. Kent and Sons (Ltd.). A dividend of 5 per cent (10s. per share) on the ordinary shares is to be paid by the Desera Tea Co.; the Single Tea Co. pays 2½ per cent. (5s. per share) on the preference shares, and a similar distribution is to be made on the ordinary shares of the Empire of India and Ceylon Tea Co. The directors of Waterlow and Sons recommend a dividend on the deferred ordinary shares of 15 per cent. for the year to Sept. 30. The ordinary shareholders in Buckler's Brewery are to receive a dividend of 6 per cent. for the past year which ended September. A dividend of 3 per cent. is recommended on the ordinary shares of Redpath, Brown and Co., whose profit for the year to Oct. 31 amounted to £13,706. Other dividends include Williamson's (Ltd.), at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on the ordinary shares; London Woollen Co. 6 per cent. on the preference shares only for the half year ended Nov. 13; Welsbach Incandescent Gas Light (interim) at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum for the half year to the end of September; Madame Val Smith 6 per cent. preference for the half year; Kelly's Directories (interim) on the ordinary shares at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum for the half year ended Sept. 30; and North-Eastern Breweries 8s. per share on the ordinary shares, which, with the interim dividend paid in June last, makes 12 per cent. for the year to the end of October.

CHEAP MINING SHARES.

A good deal has been doing in cheap mining shares; British Gold Coast Agencys, Gold Coast Investments, and Fanti Consols have put on sundry sixpences and shillings. The Consolidated Goldfields of South Africa is putting up working capital for Wassau West, Effuenta, and Fanti Mines. All of these are a very long way from pay yet, and, the gamble so far having been mostly professional, one cannot say that the rise in price is likely to continue, although with a good Kaffir market it might. One never knows. Nile Valleys have hardened considerably on good news from the other side. A cable states that work is being pushed on vigorously, and that there is now very little doubt about locating the new reef. At 2s. 6d. to 4s. they are perceptibly better. In the Russian group Troitzko have been as good as 1s. 6d., and Orsks are about 3s. 6d. Unhappy Nerchinsks are down to 6d.

ALLSOPP IMPROVEMENT.

A slight improvement is shown in the business of Samuel Allsopp and Sons (Ltd.) for the year ended Sept. 30, the net profit amounting to £111,216. As the fixed charges now only aggregate £83,000, it will be seen that the income considerably exceeds the outgoings, and the recovery, considering the adverse circumstances, such as trade depression and higher prices for materials, is therefore one on which the shareholders are to be congratulated. In course of time, provided the directors are loyally supported by the proprietors, there seems to be no reason why the company should not be restored to something approaching its former prosperity.

STOCK MARKET.

City, Saturday.

Consols improved. Foreign Government Securities quiet. Home Rails good in tone. Americans depressed. Canadians neglected. Kaffirs dull. West Africans advanced. West Australians weak. Miscellaneous steady. Closing prices:—Consols, 83⅞; Ditto Account, 83¼ 4; Two-and-a-Half per Cent., 83⅛.

BRITISH RAILWAYS.

Brighton...	103	⅜	Hull and		
Do. Def. ...	87	⅛	Barnsley	47⅛	⅜
Caledonian	84	5	Lan. & Yor.	83⅝	⅜
Do. Pref. ...	61⅛	2¼	Metrop'tan	35¾	7
Cent. Lon.	64	6	Do. District	13⅝	⅜
Chat'm Ord.	47⅛	⅛	Midland Pf.	62¼	⅜
Do. Pref.	63⅛	6½	Do. Def.	54¼	5⅛
Do. 2nd Pref.	39	4	N. British	81¼	⅜
City & S. Ldn.	29	31	Do. Pref...	65¼	⅜
G. Cen. Def.	11⅛	⅜	N.-Eastern	127¼	8½
Gt. Eastern	63⅝	⅜	N.-Western	131⅛	⅜
Gt. N'thn A.	80	⅜	S.-East. A	32⅛	⅜
Do. Def. ...	43½	⅜	S.-Western	123	4
Do. Pref. ...	82	4	Do. Def. ...	43⅛	⅜
G. Western	122¼	⅜			

FOREIGN ROADS.

Argen. 1886	104⅛	5	Germ. 3p.C.	83¾	4½
Buenos A. Water ...	104⅝	3	Grnk 1881.	99½	50½
Brazil 1889	89¾	⅜	Hun. 4's 18.	92¼	⅜
Do. 1895 ...	89¾	⅜	Japan 3p.C.	101¼	⅜
Do. Minas	89¾	⅜	Mex'n 3p.C.	102⅝	⅜
Chilian 1886	85⅝	6¼	Perm. Gov...	9	⅛
Do. 1895 ...	89¾	10¼	Do. Pref. ...	87⅝	8¼
Do. 1896 ...	100¾	1¼	Do. Def. ...	98⅛	9
Chinese 1898	102¾	3	Port. New	29½	60¼
Do. 4½ P.C.	99	⅝	Russ. 4p.C.	94⅝	5
Egypt. Un.	101⅛	3	Span. 4p.C.	85	⅛
Do. Scrip ...	97	⅛	Turk. 1891	100	2
French 3p.C.	95	7	Do. 1903 ...	96	⅛
			Uruguay 1	69	⅛

UNITED STATES RAILWAYS.

Atchison ...	100¼	¼	N.Y. & Ont.	47⅝	8½
Do. Pref. ...	101		N. Pac. & W.		
Balt. & Ohio	113⅛	12⅝	Pref. ...	85	7
Chic. & Mil.	154		Do. Com.	99⅞	7½
Den. & Rio G.	34⅜	⅜	Penn'sylvnia	59¾	⅜
Do. Pref. ...	84	⅝	Ph. & Read.	72⅝	¼
Erie ...	25¾	⅜	Southern ...	25¾	6
Do. Pref. ...	39⅞	⅜	Do. Pref. ...	61	2
Illinois Cen.	123	2	Union Pac.	207¼	¼
Louis. & Nh.	147	7	Do. Pref. ...	97	9
Mex. 4 Tex.	39¾	⅜	Wabash Do.	19	20
N.Y. Cen.	120⅜	1	Do. Pref....	40¾	7½

OTHER AMERICAN RAILWAYS, &c.

B. Ayres G. Southern	123¾	4½	Grand Trk. 1st Pref.	102¾	3½
Do. & Pac.	109⅝	10½	Do. 2nd Pf.	31⅝	2½
Do. & Ros.	102¾	3½	Do. 3rd Pf.	23	¾
Do. West'n	123⅛	4½	Do. 4's 1st	90¾	⅜
Canada Pac	182	⅝	Mexan Ord.	27⅝	¼
Cen. & Ros.	92¾	2⅝	Do. 1st Pf.	113	13
Do. Cen. Pf.	106⅛	⅜	Do. 2nd Pf.	55¾	6
Costa Rica	5⅝	⅛	Nitrate R.	8⅛	¾
Trunk. Ord.	21⅝	⅜	Uruguay Com.	78	20

SOUTH AFRICANS.

Afrcan New	10 6	11 6	Mashnld Ag.	7/0	8½
A. French	1⅛	⅜	Meyer & Ch.	2/9	1/
Bechu'nl'd	2/0	6/0	Nor'rfntn.	10⅜	11
Bonanza	1⅜	⅛	Rosenbge	10/3	10/9
Brit. Gold	16/9	18/9	Rhodes'n	1/	1/3
City & Sub.	1⅜	⅜	Rhod. Gold	2/6	2/9
Con. Gldfds.	4⅝	⅜	Do. Deep ...	3/6	4/6
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Do. Min. E.	4⅝	⅛	Rhod'la Ex.	2⅜	⅛
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Gold Trust	3⅜	⅜	Sheba & Jack	2⅜	⅜
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Jagersfntn	3⅜	⅜	Lands ...	3⅜	⅛
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Jumpers ...	1⅜	⅜	Van Ryn ...	1⅜	⅛
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Kleinfntn.	2⅜	⅜	Welgel'd'mr.	3⅜	⅛
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Langlaagte	3⅜	⅜	Wolmaner.	3⅛	⅛

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Ashanti Gf.	11/6	12/6	Fanti Con.	11/6	12/6
Brit. G. C. Company	11/9	12/9	G. C. Amal.	2⅜	⅛
			Wassau ...	7/6	8/6

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WATKINS.

THE representatives of the late ROBERT WATKINS, of Augusta House, Worthing, barrister, or Mrs. or Miss Watkins, of 16, Queensborough-road, Bognor, or Miss Watkins, of Hurst Park, are requested to communicate with J. C. Jackson, Solicitor, 7, South-square, Gray's Inn, W.C.

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5 GIRLS.	Votes.
Reiner, Gertrude Y.	1,343
Clark, Margaret A.	1,332
Andrews, Edith	482
Walker, Maud M. A.	387
Edwards, May I.	306
10 BOYS.	
Stockwell, Arthur C.	499
Smart, Alfred J. G.	396
Crisp, Frank T.	395
Townsend, Harry E.	394
Healy, Thomas J.	378
Wedgwood, Arthur W.	377
Gibson, Albert E.	367
Hateley, Ernest W.	314
Mason, Reginald	314
Morgan, Edward A. R.	151

RESOLVED:—"That the best thanks of this Court be and they are hereby given to the Chair for his conduct in the Chair, and for his great attention to the business of the Charity."

The next Election will be held on Thursday, June 10th, 1909. Contributions earnestly requested.

FREDERIC H. HADDEN, Secretary and Collector. 83, Cannon-street, E.C. Dec. 10th, 1908. Bankers: London Joint Stock Bank (Ltd.), Princes-street, E.C.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES.

PURSUANT

TO AN ORDER of the CHANCERY DIVISION of the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE, made on the 19th day of November, 1908, in the Matter of the Estate of MARIA EVANS, Deceased, and in the Action in the said Court wherein EVANS, the Creditors of MARIA EVANS, were the Plaintiffs, and Jenner-road, Stoke Newington, in the County of Middlesex, widow, who died at the 27th day of May, 1908, are on or before the 1st day of January, 1909, to send by post prepaid to me, the undersigned, Solicitor of the Plaintiffs, the Executors of the Deceased, their christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the security (if any) held by them, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order. Every Creditor holding security is to produce the same before Mr. Justice Neville, at his Chambers in the Royal Courts of Justice, London, on the 11th day of January, 1909, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudication on the claims.

Dated this 8th day of December, 1908.

MELLOR LUMB,
43, Bedford-square, London, W.C.,
Solicitor for the Plaintiffs.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.
PROBATE, DIVORCE, AND ADMIRALTY DIVISION.

TO MRS. ——— (commonly known as "PAT") BROCKWELL and WILLIAM BROCKWELL, formerly of 24, Tufton-street, Public House, Christ Church, Chelsea, in the County of Kent, but whose present addresses are unknown.

TAKE NOTICE that a Citation has issued citing you to cause to be entered for you within one month after publication hereof in the Principal Probate Registry of the Court, situate at Somerset House, in the County of London, your Appearance, and accept or refuse Letters of Administration of the Estate which by law devolved to and vested in the Crown, upon the decease of WILLIAM BROCKWELL, late of The Royal Naval Public House, Christchurch, Chelsea, in the County of London, deceased, intestate, and show cause why Letters of Administration of the said Deceased should not be granted to FRANK LAMBERT, Esq., Deputy of the HARTFORD BREWERY COMPANY, LIMITED, Creditors of the said Deceased, with an intimation that in default of your appearance Letters of Administration will be granted to the said FRANK LAMBERT.

SCOTT A. PRITCHARD, Registrar.
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ASSISTED PASSAGES.—Domestic Servants, £3; Agriculturists, £5. Great demand and good wages. Free passage to Queensland for Domestic Female Servants.—Apply to the Secretary, 9, Victoria-chambers, Victoria-st., London, S.W.; and Branches.

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Brighton County Borough Asylum, Hayward's Heath.

WANTED, HOUSEMAID, at wages £18 per annum and all found, with uniform.—Apply to the Medical Superintendent, as above, stating age, last, and, also, if engaged, when able to join.

96, Marchmont Schools, Southsea.

WANTED, NURSE-HOUSEMAID. Salary £16 per annum, rising £1 per annum to £18 per annum, together with board, lodging, washing and uniform. Must be fond of children and fond of home. Applications to be addressed to the Matron. Not necessary to reply to this advertisement unless you can comply with the above conditions.

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WANTED at the HOME FOR CHILDREN of POLICE COURTS, No. 37, 38, Camberwell Green, S.E. (under the Metropolitan Asylums Board).

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Applications to be made on Form of Application to be obtained from the Superintendent, to be returned to her not later than the 23rd instant.

10th December, 1908.

To Brushmakers.

WANTED, at the INDUSTRIAL COLONY, DARENTH AUXILIARY (for Imbeciles), Dartford, Kent (under the Metropolitan Asylums Board), a BRUSHMAKER INDUSTRIAL ATTENDANT, about 40 years of age, single. Must be fully competent to Teach Brushmaking and Carpentry. £50 per annum, with board, lodging, washing and uniform, and an allowance of 10s per quarter sub ject to good conduct. Also a BOOTMAKER, about 30 years of age, single. Must be competent to work at his trade, to instruct patients in the trade and to help in the wards.

Apply to the Medical Superintendent either personally (10 to 1), with testimonials, or by letter with copies of testimonials.

11th December, 1908.

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WANTED for ST. ANNE'S INFIRMARY, Carshalton. Surrey (under the Metropolitan Asylums Board).

Applicants must be thoroughly competent outdoor gardeners (fruit, vegetables, and ornamental gardening).

Wages 22s per week, rising 1s per week subsequently to 24s per week.

Apply on forms, to be obtained from the Clerk to the Metropolitan Asylums Board, Embankment, E.C., by whom the forms must be received not later than Tuesday, the 29th instant. Candidates for forms made by post must be accompanied by stamped addressed envelope.

11th December, 1908.

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THE GUARDIANS of the HOLBORN UNION require a STAFF NURSE for the Sick Wards at their Workhouse, 36, Hanover Walk, Penton ville. Wages initially £36 per annum. Only trained Nursing Staff is employed. Candidates must have had two years' previous experience in Nursing. Salary, £36 per annum, rising £1 yearly to £42 per annum, with board, lodging, washing and uniforms and £2 per annum in lieu of beer or mineral waters.

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10th December, 1908.

OFFICIAL SITUATIONS.

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AT the EASTERN FEVER HOSPITAL, Homerton Grove, Homerton, E. (under the Metropolitan Asylums Board) Officers, as follow:—

(1.) ASSISTANT SEMPSTRESS, temporary, for about three months.

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11th December, 1908.

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2. At the FOUNTAIN HOSPITAL, Tooting Grove, Tooting Graveney, S.W.: KITCHENMAIDS. Wages £20.

3. At the GROVE HOSPITAL, Tooting Grove, Tooting Graveney, S.W.: SCULLERYMAIDS. Wages £16.

Board, lodging, washing and uniform are provided in each case.

Apply to the Matron of the Hospital concerned either personally (10 to 11), with testimonials, or by letter, with copies of testimonials.

11th December, 1908.

IMPORTANT to Governesses, Officials and others about to start for East and West Africa and Colonies requiring information concerning outfit, provisions, climate, &c.: information supplied gratis.—Apply or call upon Way's, 18, Billiter Buildings, Billiter-street, E.C.

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GENERAL, 16, still, good character, 3s weekly. 2 Maud, 6s, 4th, 20, can cook, good character, £12.—Imbel, Hetherington's, 144, Queen's-road, Peckham, Rye.

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SERVANTS Wanted of all Classes, Private and Hotels.—Apply at once for vacancies, Hetherington's (Reg.), The Oldest Agency in London, 163a, Strand, W.C.

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ASSISTANT COOK required early in January. Wages £25, with board, uniform etc. One who has been first Kitchenmaid preferred. Apply by letter, or personally, to the Matron any morning before 1 o'clock.

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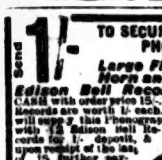

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FOOTBALL.

NOTES ON THE GAMES.

By "THE WHISTLE."

We had some surprises on Saturday, not the least being the defeat of Blackburn Rovers. In the Second League nine of the ten home teams won their matches—Glossop being the only club to lose on their own ground. Four of the home teams were beaten in the First League, and two in the Southern League. An aggregate of 108 goals was scored in the three leagues—68 by the home sides and 40 by the visiting teams. This gives a goal average for the 30 matches of 3.6.

There were considerable alterations from the printed programme at Chelsea, four alterations being made in Newcastle's front line, and Carr, after all, displacing Whitson at left back. Chelsea's only alteration was the young Scotsman, Kennedy, for Birnie. The youngster, by the way, played quite a good game. When Stewart and then Gosnell missed a fine centre from the right wing Chelsea's supporters heaved a sigh of relief. Directly after Bridgman beat Lawrence with a most palpable "offsider." Hilsdon missed a fine chance of scoring from a hot time in the Novocastrians' goal when Lawrence was having a bad time. Once Newcastle had equalised they never were out of the picture right to the end. It was a funny game, and was passed from the brilliance of electric light to the dim flicker of a candle. That the better team won only the most purblind supporter will deny. There is something wrong with Chelsea, something radically wrong, and the sooner the trouble is accurately diagnosed and the necessary treatment prescribed the better. Hull City must be feeling quite cheerful.

Lintott has proved a valuable acquisition to Bradford City, and during the week they further strengthened the team by capturing Grimes, who figured at outside right in place of Bartlett, whose performance last week against Leicester failed to meet with the approval of the club directors. They were justified in their eleventh hour change, as Grimes played a big part in the victory. Of course Lintott was great. He always is. The Gunners have not been beaten away since Sept. 26, when Bristol City beat them by 2 goals to 1.

One of the first of the last eight to come out of the bag at the F.A. offices last Monday was Notts County followed by Blackburn Rovers. And these old-time rivals had a full dress rehearsal on Saturday when the Rovers met their Waterloo, this being their first away defeat since the start of the season.

The visit of Oldham Athletic proved a fine attraction, but they gave a disappointing display. The whole Clapton Orient team played with splendid cohesion, and were responsible for some brilliant mid-field tactics. Ward and Gates made a splendid left wing, the diminutive outsider invariably getting the better of the burly Cook, the opposing back, by his tricky feints and great speed. Johnstone and Reason defended well, occasionally without much method, but very effectively. The Northerners were disappointing, especially forward, while Walders was the only half to shine. Matthews did a lot of good work in goal, and was well covered by Cook and Hamilton, a pair of backs to compare favourably with any others.

The surprise packet of the Southern League was the remarkable victory achieved by Norwich City over West Ham. Two goals behind in the first half, they came out in grand style in the second moiety, and put on five goals what time their opponents could do nothing to stem the tide. In my notes on Saturday morning I mentioned that the Canaries, despite their bad away form, were great "at home," and suggested that West Ham would have to put in all they knew, but was totally unprepared for such a startling result.

Plymouth Argyle a week ago scored their first victory since Oct. 10. They, however, fared very badly against the other "dockers," Southampton. It was hardly Sutcliffe's day out, and after the mistake he made quite early in the game he seemed to fall away from his usual great form. Southampton played like Southampton used to play, and when you have said that you have said enough to account for Plymouth's defeat.

Though they were beaten, New Brompton may take what satisfaction they can from the fact that Dame Fortune had turned a frowning face on them. They lost their right back for the best part of the game, and the goal which actually gave Portsmouth a majority was a doubtful one.

The last match Exeter City lost was on Oct. 10, when Southampton beat them. Strange to say, the first team to check their victorious career was Northampton, who beat them by 1 goal to 0. Both sides played well, but the boomers always stood out as the better team, and thoroughly deserved their victory. But for the excellence of Robinson in Exeter's goal the score against them might have been much greater.

The game at Queen's Club in many ways reminded one of the recent Australian v. London match. There, though the Australians won, it was universally admitted that their opponents were the better side. In yesterday's match it was the same. Though the game was a draw, it certainly should have gone in favour of Cambridge. Their three-quarter time after time got on the move, the ball passing from hand to hand in fine style. Jones, however, had not sufficient pace to cope with Martin, his opposing wing, and he was nearly always tackled.

The Light Blues' "threes" have all along been handicapped by the difficulty of finding someone to fill the injured Burton's place in the left wing, and no fewer than seven different players were tried in all. Jones, the final choice, was quite good, but as we said before, he lacked pace. This woul not have mattered had it not been that he was opposed to the fleet and speedy Martin. It was good to hear that Wright was playing. If his injury had necessitated his absence Cambridge would have been in sore straits indeed. He played strongly throughout, and seemed to feel no ill effects form his leg. Vassall's injury, however, about which less had been said, soon became a serious factor, and in the final of the second half he was quite crocked. We may, indeed, have seen the last of the great three quarter for a long time.

Atkinson, the Light Blue back, had rather an ordeal in the earlier part of the game, but except for one or two mistakes he emerged triumphant. He is a beautiful kick, but is not always reliable at fielding. Sloan, on the other hand, was always safe and reliable, but rarely brilliant as was, on occasions, Atkinson. The Cantab forwards were splendid. They nearly always held the scrums and were remarkably quick in forming up in scrummages.

They have made dribbling a fine art, and when they carried the ball at their feet they wasted a lot of stopping.

All hail Williamson and Cunningham were excellent, and the first Oxonian try was directly due to them. They were, however, handicapped by the weakness of their forwards.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

(Special to "The People.")

Portsmouth 3, N. Brompton 2.

Two changes were made in the forward line of New Brompton for this match on the Gillingham ground, Wood and Eames appearing instead of Powell and Shepard respectively. In addition, Mavin, the captain, who was injured in the Cup tie with Hastings, was unable to play, and Hales reappeared in the half-back line. Changes also occurred in the Portsmouth ranks. About 7,000 spectators were present when Wood kicked off for New Brompton against a stiff breeze. The play was brisk and exciting. New Brompton lost the services of Henderson (injured by Reid), and Kirby scored for Portsmouth. With only 10 men, New Brompton were greatly handicapped, and Portsmouth Pressed hard, Beaumont hitting the bar. The home forwards only broke away occasionally, but Reynolds equalised for New Brompton. Interval: New Brompton, 1; Portsmouth, 1.

New Brompton had to open the second half without Henderson. They pressed at the beginning, but they were driven back, and Reid placed Portsmouth ahead when he only had the goalkeeper to beat. It was a flagrantly off-side goal, but the referee paid no heed to the appeals of New Brompton. The Portsmouth goal was jeopardised from a corner, and an appeal for a penalty was disregarded by the referee. New Brompton pressed hard again, and from a free kick by Arthurs Eames brought the scores level amid great excitement. New Brompton again attacked, but Reid broke away in his own half, and placed Portsmouth in front. New Brompton pegged away, but were met with resolute defence. Hales sent the ball into the Portsmouth goal after the whistle had sounded for off-side. Result: Portsmouth, 3; New Brompton, 2.

Southampton 4, Plymouth A. 2

Eight thousand spectators witnessed this match at Southampton. Both teams were one short of full strength, Hughes being absent from the latter, and Wilcox from the Argyle ranks. The first half yielded excellent football, but the locals so clearly demonstrated their superiority, that play was very rarely out of the Argyle quarters. Still, to their credit the visitors, and Sutcliffe in particular, defend'd well, though they had the better of the play, Southampton only scored once, and then the old international goalkeeper was at fault. He dashed from his post when Costello passed across to his right wing, and was beaten for speed by Bainbridge, who scored. On every other occasion Sutcliffe performed excellently, but was lucky not to be beaten a second time, a shot by Jefferis hitting him on the nose after striking the post and going behind. Interval: Saints, 1; Argyle, 0.

The second half opened in remarkable fashion. Within half a minute of the restart Jefferis increased the home team's lead, following which a momentary lapse on the part of the Southampton defence allowed Hakin to score for Plymouth, but the locals then played in great style, and quietly made certain of victory. Thorpe headed them a third goal from a centre, and through Sutcliffe failing to hold a hot drive from Jefferis, Jordan was able to score the Saints' fourth point, after which Costello headed against the post. In the closing stages the home team slackened their efforts, and were eventually caught napping, Hakin headed through from Holden's centre. Result:—Saints, 4; Plymouth Argyle, 2.

Millwall 4, Swindon 1.

At North Greenwich, before 4,000 spectators. Cunliffe was unable to turn out for Millwall, and Shand and Dean appeared on the right wing. Swindon had Fenton at outside left. The game had not been going long before a fine chance came the way of the Millwall forwards, after the ball had been crossed from the right. Twigg, who had only the goalkeeper to beat, could not get hold of it properly, and Hunter, dashing in, also failed to reach the object. At a very early period it was seen that it would be a vigorous game. Fouls were frequent, and both Riley and Dean were brought down; the first-named rather heavily. A, the end of ten minutes Millwall scored, through Jones, who sent in a capital shot, which Ling could not hold, and the ball went in off the goalpost. A fine low centre from Jefferson was next booted out by Stevenson, and then Ling nearly brought about the downfall of his own goal at the other end of the field through miss-kicking. Twigg, of Millwall, subsequently retired to the rear of the Swindon goal in consequence of an injured ankle, and soon after his return to the field Jones scored the second goal for Millwall from a swinging middle from Dean. Before the interval Ling made a fine save from Hunter, following a corner and a scramble, and Riley scored for Millwall when he dispossessed a Swindon forward, who had the goal at his mercy.

On re-starting, Millwall continued to be the more aggressive side, and thrice the ball was lifted across the Swindon goal from the left. Once Ling dropped it, but no one was up, and the goalkeeper was able to recover. Not long after, Jones scored the third goal for the locals, and he was again indebted to Dean for the middle which enabled him to head past Ling at close quarters. A few minutes later Swindon scored through Bown, their centre-forward, who took a pass from Fenton, the outside-left, and Hunter scored Millwall's fourth from a penalty.

Bristol R. 2, Crystal Palace 2.

Eight thousand spectators witnessed a very fast and exciting game between these teams at Stapleton-rd., in very blowing weather, the Rovers being unfortunate enough to have Strong and Higgins as absentees; whilst the latter played without McGibbon, thus including Lawrence in the front rank. Play started very briskly, and in favour of the Rovers, for whom Dargue put in a fine individual effort that ended with a daring shot, but Johnson caught and cleared. Corbett also tried to get through without effect, and then play was taken to the other end, where the Bristol defence was subjected to severe pressure, Appleby once cutely putting into touch when he had been grounded. The Palace had their reward after eight minutes' play, however, for then a corner was forced, and Garratt placing it well Ryan, from a fairly long range, drove the ball past Cartlidge, who threw himself at it, but fell too late. The Rovers promptly attacked, following the centre kick, and within a couple of minutes they got a full rewards, for Phillips, giving to Corbett, the latter dribbled the ball on a yard or two and finished with a crashing shot that beat Johnson all the way. The Bristol lads had not opened very strongly, but they improved after this, and for a good spell Bristol did most of the attacking, mainly by the left wing, but without scoring; though once Dargue was badly brought down by Collins, who pushed him from behind in the penalty area. Referee Yates awarded the goal kick. The Palace attacked spiritedly, but the home halves played so persistently on to them that they were not allowed to combine for any lengthy periods; whilst Floyd and Appleby were both very sure with their kicks at full back, and gave splendid support to Cartlidge, who also saved well from Swann. At the interval the score remained at 1 all, and reflected the run of the play.

Play at the start of the second half was, for a good period, at the Bristol end, where Floyd and Appleby, however, did good work, though the former once miskicked badly and gave a corner that proved mighty dangerous. Bristol attacked strongly, with Roberts always in the foreground of the picture, and he crashed a terrific shot on to the crossbar; whilst another time, just after he drove in a fine shot that hit the uprights. After a long, open defensive work the Palace broke away, and Lawrence got the lead for them, though there was a strong suggestion of being off side when he first got the ball. The Rovers' forwards rather lacked courage after this, but their defence played solidly to the finish. Just on time Dargue equalised amidst terrific excitement. There was not a great deal to choose between the teams, but it was a pity that there were spells of play marred by bad temper. The Palace players offended especially in this respect, and taking advantage of the latitude allowed by the referee, whose disposition was to ignore the great difference in the weight of the two teams The Palace were probably rather the better balanced, with their halves, especially Ryan, always the dominating factor. Neither goalkeeper had a lot to do, but for that the full-backs on both side were in the main responsible, their clearances being sure, well timed, and of good length. Had the sides exchanged centre-forwards it is possible the Palace might have won by a very comfortable margin, for Corbett was always more effective than Bauchop, not only in feeding his wings, but in opening out the game. The reserves on the Rovers' half line played pluckily all through, as did Phillips in the front rank; but Gosden was very badly missed by Peplow, who was repeatedly starved. Result —Bristol Rovers, 2; Crystal Palace, 2.

Brentford 2, Coventry 1.

With fine bright weather prevailing, a crowd of 6,000 people assembled at Coventry to see this match. Included in the Coventry team as centre forward was Hickman, a player from Birmingham. In the first half both sides showed capital form, but towards the interval the home side fell off somewhat, and Buxton and Badger scored for them, while Arnold got through for Coventry. After change of ends the play was very keen. The Brentford halves, however, showed fine form, and, as nothing further was scored, Brentford won by 2 goals to 1.

Northampton 1, Exeter 0.

Starting against the sun before 8,000 spectators, Northampton made rapid progress, but Craig cleared two dangerous centres from McDiarmid. Then Exeter got going, and McGuigan gave Parnell an opening, but he ran the ball behind. Excitement followed round the Exeter goal, Craig robbing Walker at the expense of a corner, when a scorg looked certain. The corner was cleared, and Exeter advanced, but Davies drove them back, and Robinson fisted away from McDiarmid and Mc-

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

THE LEAGUE.—Div. I.

Chelsea	1	Newcastle Utd.	2
Bradford City	4	Woolwich A.	1
Everton	1	Sheffield Wed.	0
Manchester U.	4	Leicester Fosse	2
Sunderland	6	Bristol City	2
Bury	2	Liverpool	1
Notts Forest	1	Preston N.E.	1
Aston Villa	0	Middlesbrough	4
Sheffield United	4	Manchester City	0
Blackburn Rov.	0	Notts County	2

THE LEAGUE.—Div. II.

Tottenham H.	4	Barnsley	2
Hull City	2	Fulham	0
Clapton Orient	3	Oldham Ath.	0
Glossop	1	W. Bromwich A.	2
Chesterfield	4	Birmingham	2
Stockport C.	1	Bolton Wndrs.	0
Leeds City	5	Wolverh'mpton	2
Barnsley	3	Bradford P. A.	1
Derby County	2	Grimsby	1
Blackpool	3	Gainsborough	0

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Coventry City	1	Brentford	2
Watford	1	Brighton & Hove	1
Bristol Rovers	2	Crystal Palace	2
Northampton	1	Exeter	0
Reading	1	Leyton	1
Southend	2	Luton	0
Millwall	4	Swindon	1
New Brompton	2	Portsmouth	3
Norwich City	6	West Ham	3
Southampton	4	Plymouth A.	2

(Played on the ground of the first-named.)

Reading 1, Leyton 1.

Despite lovely weather and the fact that each club had a representative eleven doing duty, the attendance at this match was barely 5,000 strong. The visitors opened play against the wind and sun, and in the very first minute carried play into their opponents' quarters, only to be beaten back by Wilkes. Then Reading set up a prolonged attack on the visitors' goal and in turn Huggins, Burch, and Willis gave Whitburn a busy time. Leyton's goalie was, however, at the top of his form, and he was applauded for bringing off some magnificent saves. Wheatcroft was acting as pivot to the Reading forwards in quite an accomplished manner, and twice he came near to scoring himself. He was then cleverly beaten by Whitbourne and then by Longworth. Following a corner Boden scored for Reading. Reinville equalised, and the scores were one each at the interval.

Resuming play Reading were the first to become conspicuous; and a very fine header by Huggins gave Whitbourne an opportunity to again distinguish himself. He did so by effecting a brilliant save. A nice dash by Seeburg having been stopped by Boden, Reading again became the aggressive side, and Morley was within a few inches of giving them the lead. Just afterwards Crump, who had been doing good service for Reading at back, was kicked over the right eye. He bled freely and was forced to retire, but resumed after an absence of five minutes. After capital play by Murch and Blair for their respective sides play was confined to midfield for a while. Morley was the first to get on the run again, but Maunds stopped him. Right up to the close play, if a bit ragged, was fast, and, with no further scoring the result was a draw of 1 goal each.

Watford 1, Brighton & Hove 1.

Fine weather favoured this game at Watford, which, however, failed to attract a good attendance. The home side had all the best of the opening play, but Longstaff enabled Brighton to cross over the line. In the second half A. Skilton headed a brilliant goal for Watford. Whiting saved a penalty taken by Hubbard. Watford tried hard to get the winning goal, but the result was a draw of 1 goal each.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals for	Goals ag.	Pts
Southampton	19	12	3	4	47	26	28
Northampton	17	11	4	2	40	21	24
Crystal Palace	20	9	6	5	40	31	23
Queen's Park R.	19	9	6	4	32	22	22
Bristol Rovers	16	8	5	3	28	18	19
Millwall Ath.	17	8	6	3	30	25	19
New Brompton	17	8	6	3	31	26	19
Swindon	17	8	7	2	31	27	18
Watford	18	6	6	6	22	19	18
Portsmouth	15	7	6	2	28	20	16
Exeter City	16	7	8	1	20	25	15
Reading	17	5	7	5	16	22	15
Plymouth Argyle	18	5	8	5	16	27	15
Luton	17	6	9	2	26	30	14
Southend Utd.	17	6	9	2	27	33	14
Brighton & Hove	15	5	9	1	24	43	11
West Ham Utd.	17	5	10	2	21	35	12
Norwich City	17	5	10	2	21	36	12
Brentford	16	5	10	1	23	32	11
Leyton	15	5	8	2	24	29	10
Coventry City	16	4	10	2	24	37	10

SECOND DIVISION.

Croydon Common, 8; South Farnborough Ath., 1.

2nd Grenadier Guards, 1; Salisbury City, 0.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

Treharris, 2; Weymouth, 0.

Paulton Rovers, 1; Radstock, 3.

Bristol City, 4; Welton Rovers, 0.

Bath City, 4; Staple Hill, 4.

SOUTH-EASTERN LEAGUE.

Crystal Palace Res., 5; Tottenham Hotspur Res., 0.

West Ham Res., 2; Norwich City Res., 0.

Hastings and St. Leonards United, 2; Sittingbourne, 1.

Leyton Res., 4; Chelsea Res., 0.

Fulham Res., 3; Maidstone United, 1.

Woolwich Arsenal Res., 4; Tunbridge Wells Rangers, 0.

Luton Res., 3; Southend U. Res., 0.

Metropas, 2; Croydon Com. Res., 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals for	Goals ag.	Pts
West Ham U.	15	12	1	2	38	11	26
Tottenham H.	22	9	6	7	37	34	25
Norwich City	19	7	3	9	31	23	23
Fulham	18	11	7	0	42	25	22
Brighton	14	8	5	1	30	21	17
Clapton O.	18	7	6	2	25	19	16
Crystal Palace	17	7	6	2	25	37	16
Swindon	16	6	7	3	20	23	15
Chelsea	16	7	8	1	20	29	15
Maidstone U.	17	6	8	3	18	25	15
Croydon	13	5	4	4	27	22	14
Tun. Wells R.	14	6	6	2	25	33	14
Woolwich A.	15	5	6	4	29	23	14
Sittingbourne	16	5	8	3	29	31	13
Leyton	17	5	9	3	22	25	13
Queen's Park R.	14	4	6	4	25	25	12
Hastings	12	4	6	2	30	21	11
Portsmouth	14	4	7	3	20	32	11
Luton	14	3	6	5	24	32	11
Southend U.	16	3	8	5	12	33	11

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE.

New Crusaders, 8; Ipswich, 1.

Ealing, 5; Crouch End Vampires, 2

Norsemen, 6; Bowes Park, 0.

Lee, 2; Alleyn, 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.

London Caledonians, 1; Nunhead, 1.

Dulwich Hamlet, 5; Ilford, 3.

Bromley, 3; Oxford City, 1.

Leytonstone, 2; Clapton, 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Celtic, 2, Hibernians, 0.

Third Lanark, 1; Clyde, 1.

Partick Thistle, 0; Motherwell, 2.

Falkirk, 1; Queen's Park, 3.

Hamilton Academicals, 0; Rangers, 7.

Port Glasgow Ath., 1; Heart of Midlothian, 0.

Kilmarnock, 2; Morton, 0.

St. Mirren, 1; Airdrieonians, 1.

Dundee, 2; Aberdeen, 2.

RUGBY.

WALES v. AUSTRALIANS.

[SPECIAL REPORT.]

The Australians played the first of their international games yesterday, meeting the full strength of Wales, at Cardiff. There was only one alteration on each side, and these had been already announced. Hopkins played on the Welsh right wing in place of Glebe, and Dix made way for Carroll at left three-quarter on the Australian side. Recent rain had made the ground rather soft, but the conditions on the whole were fairly favourable. The morning was brilliantly fine but the afternoon was unsettled and some rain fell, while a moderately strong wind prevailed. The match aroused much interest in the district and the ground was packed, over 30,000 people being present. Shortly before the game commenced the weather cleared and the sun shone brightly. The crowd whiled away the time by singing Welsh songs and a band played selections of music. The Australians had a fine reception on entering the field and gave their usual war-cry, and the crowd, as in the case of the New Zealand match, responded by singing the "Land of our Fathers."

Wales, playing against the wind and sun, kicked off, and the game opened in the Australian half, and with admirable failing to gather a kick by Winfield, the play was kept in the Colonial quarters. Some passing by the Welsh right wing took the game to the Australian line, but Mandible relieved with a fine kick, and off, Islander by Winfield let the visitors up to the centre. Directly afterwards Winfield was at fault again, and the Australians reached the Welsh 25. They were, however, checked by keen tackling. The Australian forwards broke away, Richards dribbling well, but he kicked too hard at the finish, and Winfield was enabled to kick dead. For a time the game was confined to the forwards, but Jones and Hopkins made a good run down on the right, but were stopped by Carroll. But immediately afterwards Wales met with success. Owen started the movement, and after the ball had passed through the hands Travers, with two opponents clinging to him, struggled over and scored for Wales after the game had lasted about 13 minutes. On continuing, the Welsh backs were soon active, and a strong attack was delivered by J. P. Jones and Williams. There was an exciting tussle, which was ended by the Australians touching down just in time. Wales again attacked on the same wing, and J. P. Jones found touch near the Australian line Then the Australians came away through intercepting a Welsh pass, and a fine passing bout, in which Craig and Richards were prominent, the latter scored for the Australians. Though the position was an easy one, Carmichael failed at goal, and the score stood level at 3 points each. Afterwards, through Carmichael missing a poor kick Williams had a fine chance, having only to gather the ball to run over, but he failed to pick up The Australians were penalised, but Winfield's kick, though well directed, fell short. The game was now in the Australians' quarters, but the visitors made some headway. Winfield, however, maintained the position by a good kick into touch, and some fast but scrambling play in the centre followed. J. P. Jones and Williams tried to break away, but were checked, and a similar effort by Hickey and Russell for the Australians was stopped by a good collaring, and Winfield got in a good kick when Wales were getting in rather a dangerous position. Mandible had a fine chance of scoring, but missed his pass. The Australians got well down through Hickey and Russell, and the latter was only forced into touch just in time. In a scramble, Trew, the Welsh right centre, was hurt, and retired for a time, Hayward being withdrawn from the pack. Trew, however, returned shortly afterwards, but nothing further happened before the interval, when the score was: Wales, 1 try (3 points); Australians, 1 try (3 points).

The second part opened in the Welsh half, but the game was soon removed to the centre, where some kicking took place between the backs, neither side gaining any advantage. The play continued to be of a scrambling description. The Australian forwards obtained the ball the more often, and a bout of passing was attempted by McKivatt, Prentice and Hickey, but the last-named was well collared by J. P. Jones. The Welsh forwards, headed by Thomas, dribbled well into the Australian 25, and some long kicking ended in favour of Winfield, who found touch. Some loose passing by both sides followed, and then good kicks by Carmichael and Mandible took the play into the Welsh half. Then the Welsh forwards came away with a fast rush, and the movement was ended by Hopkins gaining a try, which Winfield failed to convert. The score came about 10 minutes after the resumption. A fine bout of passing was accomplished by Prentice, Mandible and Carroll, and the last-named raced away, but was well tackled by Winfield. The movement had taken the play well into the Welsh half, but the Australians were penalised. Winfield made a poor kick and Wales gained no relief; but after awhile a strong rush of the home forwards took them to the Australian twenty-five, where Prentice made a fine save. The Australians were again penalised, and from this Winfield kicked a fine goal, placing Wales 4 points ahead. The Australian right wing got away but the Welsh defence was sound. The Principality was, however, hard pressed, and only escaped by touching down. After some even play in the centre, Winfield blundered in attempting to field the ball, and let in the Australians. The visitors quickly took advantage of the position, and in a sharp attack Russell scored near the corner, but Carmichael failed with the place kick. After this success the Australians attacked again, but two good marks by Winfield and Hopkins helped Wales. Then the Welsh backs came away, and Hopkins was rather unlucky in not getting through, after dodging Carmichael. However, he slipped and was collared with no Welshman up to help him. The game was taken into the Australian quarters, but Prentice and Russell made a strong counter attack, and Russell was only collared just outside the line. But Wales soon cleared from a dangerous position, and as nothing further was scored the results was: Wales, 1 penalty goal 2 tries (9 points); Australians, 2 tries (6 points).

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

A DRAWN GAME.

Light Blues' Lost Chances.

(Special to "The People.")

It is six years since an inter-'Varsity match was drawn. On that occasion the scoring was rather more prolific than in yesterday's match, when the game ended in a draw of five points each. It should not have been a draw. Except for a spell in the opening of the first half, Cambridge were attacking nearly all the while, and time after time their "threes" got away, but owing to rather a lack of pace in the new wing man, Jones (a player whose game was otherwise excellent), their efforts continually broke down. Also Macleod was by no means sure in his kicking and failed to score points through penalty and drop goals which would have enabled his side to win.

The authorities expected a big crowd—and they got it. It was, as someone remarked, almost as hard work to get into the ground as it would be to take part in the game. Long after the kick-off people were pouring in. Five minutes after time, Purves kicked off for Cambridge. A mistake by Atkinson let the Oxford men in almost as far as the five-yard line. Jones also slipped in attempting to field the ball, and the opposing team got in yet further. A scrum was formed on the Light Blues' five-yard line, but thanks to theft forwards (of whom much had been expected, and who quite came up to expectation) some of the lost ground was recovered. Though the forwards were strong, the "threes," while not weak, had not found their game, and Oxford pressed. Vassall attempted to drop a goal, and Atkinson failing to field the ball, he rushed in and almost touched down. From a scrum, still on Cambridge soil, Cunningham got the ball from Williamson, who kicked into touch, but later Ashcroft hooked the ball out and passed to Pyman, who tried to rush in, but was collared. The Cambridge "threes" gave occasional glimpses of good combination, but never got far enough going. The first scare came in brilliant style. The game had drifted into Oxford's ground, where Gilray cross-kicked, and finding touch, got his side back into Cambridge territory. A scrum was formed. Then came the genius of Williamson. Before the Cambridge pack had realised what had happened he kicked the ball from the scrum; his own pack even did not move, and continued to push. The Rhodes scholar sent the ball to Cunningham, who transferred to Gilray. From the New Zealander the ball travelled, via the whole of the "three" line, to Martin, who, running at express speed, got in finally, placing the ball behind the posts. Cunningham converted.

Within a few minutes, Cambridge, now thoroughly in form, attacked vigorously. The "threes" got away, but Macleod was tackled while in possession. The Light Blues' chance came, however, almost immediately. Macleod got the ball, and running his best, reached the Oxford "25" yard, where, seeing it was impossible to pass Sloan, he threw into touch. The Cambridge men were now well into Oxford's "25," and Macleod again came into possession of the ball. After a fine run he sent a short, snippy pass to Pyman, who gathered nicely and galloped it under the posts. Macleod easily added the extra points. Half-time: Oxford, 1 goal (5 points); Cambridge, 1 goal (5 points).

On the change of ends, the game took on a different aspect. For a great part of the first half, Cambridge had been defending, but in the second half, except for a few brief intervals, Oxford were always defending. Macleod marked when the game was re-started, and kicked finely. Sloan failed to field, but ultimately returned the ball. The Cambridge "threes" then got on the move, and the ball went from one touch line to the other. Jones, however, after a long run, in which his lack of pace was revealed, was caught and tackled. He broke away, and ran on, but was finally brought down when a short way away from the line. Gilray intercepted a pass between Macleod and Wright, and passed to Tarr, the latter bringing the game into the opponents' half for the first time after the change of ends. The game, however, quickly came back into Oxford's ground, when a kick by Pyman carried play down to the Oxford five-yard line. The Dark Blues defended well and kicked back. Macleod again marked and tried to drop a goal, but, unfortunately for his side, though his position was a good one, failed badly. A series of long exchanges then followed, which left the game at mid-field. Here Oxford tried to break away, but Gilray was collared. His "threes," however, gave another attempt, and made a brief incursion into the Cambridge half. Macleod, however, got the ball and sent it with a terrific kick, finding touch on the Oxonians' "25." Here a rare rough-and-tumble took place, the Dark Blues trying to break away, their opponents to get in and score a try. At this point Vassall, who had gone lame, took Sloane's place at full back, the latter taking his place among the "threes."

From out of the scrummage Macleod got the ball and made another attempt to drop a goal, but again failed.

Cambridge kept up the pressure, trying all they knew to score, but the sterling defence prevailed. The Oxford "threes" then gave promise of a spectacular rush and broke away, going at great speed right down the field. Martin, however, was unable to pass. Thus the effort was spoiled, and Cambridge returned to the attack. The time was drawing, lights began to appear in the streets round the ground, and still the game was to be won or lost. Ashcroft was here severely winded, and the game was delayed for a considerable time. Amid cheering he eventually resumed Cambridge returned to the attack, and time after time the "three" got on the move, but were always pulled up.

Another attempt to drop a goal was made by Pyman, but failed. Even at this stage of the game Oxford were by no means a beaten team, and with only a few minutes to go, the ball, coming out of the scrum through Williamson, was carried right down the field into the Cambridge territory, but the Dark Blues were unable to score, and the game returned to their half. Time at length was called, leaving the match a drawn, an unsatisfactory result for such a match.

SCOTTISH TRIAL MATCH.

SOUTH v. REST OF SCOTLAND.

With the weather favourable, a good crowd assembled at Melrose to see the team representing the South meet a fifteen picked from the Rest of Scotland. The South had all the best of matters, and finally won by 31 points to 0.

SCOTTISH TRIAL MATCH.

After the match at Melrose on Saturday the Scottish Rugby Union chose the following fifteen to represent the Provinces against the Angio-Scots at Edinburgh on Dec. 26:—G. C. Cheyne (Aberdeen University), back; R. Lindsay Watson (Hawick), C. Gillie (Melrose), Tom Elliot (Gala), and J. D. Brown (Gala), three-quarters; T. McIntyre (Panmure) and G. V. Bogie (Gala), half-backs. W. E. Kyle (Hawick), Wm. Wilson (Hawick), G. Aitchison (Gala), M. Drummond (Jed Forest), A. Moodie (St. Andrew's University), R. Stevenson (St. Andrew's University), A. Hogg (Aberdeen University), and J. McLean (Leuzie).

CLUB MATCHES.

O.M. TAYLORS 13, OLD BLUES 3.

An excellent game at Richmond yesday afternoon resulted in a win for the Old Merchant Taylors, who defeated the Old Blues by 2 goals and 1 try (13 points) to a penalty goal (3 points). Although Raphael did not turn out for the Merchant Taylors, their three-quarter line, consisting of Parker, Fuller, and the brothers Lepingwell, gave an excellent account of themselves, keeping the Old Blues continually on the defensive. After five minutes' play Parker scored a clever try for Merchant Taylors beneath the posts, R. A. Lepingwell converting, and after a spell of even play two penalties were given in favour of the Old Blues, McKenzie being successful with the kick on the second occasion. From that point until the interval Merchant Taylors had the better of the play, and a fine individual attempt by Dellschaft resulted in a try which Lepingwell converted with a well-judged kick. In the second half, although the Merchant Taylors completely monopolised the attack, their opponents tackled well and defended strongly, the result being that only a single try was added to the Taylors' score, Lepingwell being responsible for the run up, and Dellschaft for the try. During the last 15 minutes the play was almost entirely confined to the Old Blues' twenty-five.

NORTHAMPTON v. BLACKHEATH.

For their visit to Northampton Blackheath were unable to command the services of anything like their full strength, and giving an indigerent display, sustained a well-merited defeat. Within 10 minutes of the start some clever passing by the home backs ended in a try by Welsh, who duly converted, while before the interval Harrison also crossed the Blackheath line. On changing ends the visitors were overrun, Mobbs, Barke, White, and Harrison gaining tries, one of which was improved. Later in the game Finlinson crossed the home line, but no goal resulted. Northampton winning by 2 goals and 4 tries to a try.

LONDON SCOTTISH v. MARLBOROUGH NOMADS.

This was a hopelessly one-sided game at Richmond. Though the Scottish had to draw heavily on their reserve teams they were at all points of the game much superior to the Nomads, and when they had settled down they had the game entirely in their own hands. Fraser ran in with their first try, and then in quick succession Williamson crossed the Nomads' line three times, while West and Kidson gained further tries, but only one of them was improved. It was much the same thing after changing ends. Robb (twice) and Williamson and Campbell scored further tries for the Scottsmen, and as Robb converted one of them the London Scottish won by two pieced goals and eight tries (34 points) to nil

LONDON WELSH 8, LONDON IRISH 3

At Catford. Harding was absent from the Welsh side, but Rowlands and Maddocks played splendidly, and each scored a try. Rowlands got his by breaking away from the scrum in the Irish "25," and finishing to pass before running over himself. Evans, the full back, was unsuccessful on this occasion with the kick, but when Maddocks got over after the change of ends he kicked a goal. This try was the outcome of a brilliant piece of work. Rowlands got away from the scrum and sent Vivian along with the ball, and the latter player was able to pass to Maddocks in the act of falling when collared. The Irish, relying on the aid of determined rushes and tackling rather than scientific back combination, made a level fight of it throughout, and were rewarded in the last few minutes of the game with a try which was the result of one of a forward rush. E. Evans scored. Sherwin could not convert in the failing light, so the London Welshmen were the victors by 1 goal and 1 try to 1 try.

NORTHERN UNION.

ENGLAND v. AUSTRALIA.

A DRAW.

If the organisers of this match anticipated a great gathering at Park Royal they must have been sadly disappointed at the result, for there were not 2,000 spectators, but the game was fast and bright and interesting. Those who saw it were well satisfied, to judge by their expressions of approval. A very fast game ended in a draw—22 points all.

Wigan, 14; Warrington, 5.

Runcorn, 3; Oldham, 2.

Huddersfield, 14; Batley, 8.

Swinton, 28; Barrow, 3.

Broughton Rangers, 28; Leigh, 0.

Leeds, 21; York, 11.

Dewsbury, 16; Widnes, 5.

St. Helens, 13; Rochdale Hornets, 13.

Wakefield Trinity, 24; Hull, 6.

Hull Kingston Rovers, 17; Bradford, 16.

Merthyr, 12; Ebbw Vale, 2.

Oldham, 11; Hunslet, 0.

Halifax, 8; Keighley, 3.

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